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Italy suspects foreign links U.S. general said killed by abductors

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (Agencies) — State Department officials said Tuesday they had received unconfirmed reports that kidnapped U.S. Army Brig. Gen. James Dozier had been killed by his captors, the Italian Red Brigades. Officials said they were "looking into the matter."

Earlier, the Beirut office of the Italian news agency ANSA reported a telephone caller Tuesday claimed the Red Brigades had sentenced to death kidnapped American army Gen. James Dozier and that his body would be found Tuesday evening.

The dispatch to Rome said the caller did not make clear in the claim whether Dozier was already killed. It said police will find his body after 2000 Italian time (1900 GMT).

Italian police said they were taking the telephone call seriously but had not yet determined whether it was authentic. "We are trying to determine the similarities between this message and ones we have received before," a police official who asked not to be identified said. NATO officials in Italy said they had no immediate comment on whether they believed the communique was authentic.

"The Red Brigades claim the responsibility for the sentencing to death and the execution of the American Gen. James Dozier, found guilty by a people's tribunal," the caller told the Beirut office of ANSA, saying he was speaking for the "Red Brigades of Baader Meinhof." Baader Meinhof is a West German urban guerrilla group which some prosecutors suspect has ties to the Red Brigades. "There is no need to call the American CIA for help in trying to liberate the imperialist American pig," the caller said. "The body of the American pig will be found in a village in the countryside and the police will find it soon after 2000 hours Italian time."

"We particularly chose this person to attack the American interests in Italy," the anonymous caller said. Asked by the ANSA editor why the call was made in Beirut, the man said: "We had instructions to give the communique to ANSA in Beirut at 1600 hours (1400 GMT) for maximum security. I don't have anything else to add."

The transmission of the text of the call was delayed by an hour because of faulty telex lines between Beirut and Rome, ANSA said.

Earlier Tuesday, the Italian government

met in a cabinet meeting to study measures in its struggle to track down Dozier's abductors and top political leaders repeated suspicions that the Soviet Union and its Eastern European allies were behind the kidnapping.

President Sandro Pertini, a Socialist, Tuesday told diplomats accredited to Italy that his government doubts that foreign links wanted to destabilize Italy had been confirmed by Dozier's kidnapping.

"This kidnap seems to offer a further confirmation of the international connections of Italian terrorism," Pertini told diplomats, referring to his comments in the past that terrorism in Italy had links to the Soviet Bloc. "My reasoning is logical, although I do not have proof," Pertini said.

Speaking to U.S. Ambassador Maxwell Rabb, Pertini said he had sent a cable to President Reagan "for the factors in Italy which have particularly humiliated us." Pertini's comments were made before a morning cabinet meeting headed by Premier Spadolini, who ordered a dragnet over the entire northeastern corner of Italy in the Veneto province.

Police and para-military troops, however, reported no fresh clues in the search. Authorities were examining a mysterious telex which arrived in Bonn at the office of several news agencies, which was signed cryptically with Dozier's name and was traced back to a telephone number under the name of "Cover Action Bulletin," a publication specialized in publishing names of alleged U.S. intelligence agents.

Social Democrat leader Pietro Longo, whose party is a member of Spadolini's coalition government, urged the premier to take stronger action in its fight against terrorism by reinforcing authority of investigating judges and police forces. Longo said he not only agreed with Pertini on the origin of terrorism, but also added "I don't consider it unrelated...with certain Mediterranean countries which are responsible for this phenomenon on our soil," a veiled reference to Libya.

Joining him at a news conference was Socialist Party Leader Mario Soares, a former premier, who said he also backed President Pertini's opinions. "There is no doubt that with this kidnapping, international terrorism has taken a quantum leap," Soares said. "This action presupposes some sort of command on an international level," added Soares, who met Pertini during his visit to Rome.

Premier Spadolini's Republican Party organ said in an editorial that "this attack concentrated in Italy and Germany — the two countries which have honored their nuclear obligations in the North Atlantic Treaty — leads us to draw clear lessons about its origin." U.S. officials assisting the Italians in the investigations say that they are zeroing in on the international angle of the kidnapping. A complex communications system between Verona — where the kidnapping took place — and Rome, the NATO commands in northern Europe and the U.S. State and Defense Departments has been set up to process information gathered by investigators.



TALKS: King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd held talks Tuesday with President Hafez Assad of Syria on the Israeli annexation of Golan Heights. Seen in the picture from left to right are Hafez Assad, King Khaled, Prince Fahd and Prince Abdullah.

During 1982

Oil consumption fall forecast

PARIS, Dec. 22 (Agencies) — Oil consumption will decline further next year in the industrialized countries, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) said here.

In the first half of 1983, it will have reached 15 percent below the 1979 level even though the real terms gross domestic product (GDP) will be seven percent up. Figures based on current real prices of crude oil show demand at 34,500,000 barrels a day in 1982 against 35,300,000 in 1980, 37,700,000 in 1977 and 40,900,000 in 1979.

Due to the international oil surplus, prices fell during 1981. On an average, the 24 OECD countries are importing at \$35 a barrel or 50 cents below the January rate but \$1.5 above the December 1980 rate. Less Western consumption and a reduction in stocks (2,000,000 barrels a day in the last half of 1981) due in particular to high interest rates, led the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to cut output substantially from 26,800,000 barrels a day in 1980 to 22,300,000 in 1981. OECD experts forecast a further drop to 22,000,000 in 1982.

In view of this unfavorable climate for oil exporters, the OPEC members' current payments surplus should drop from \$110 billion

Egyptians sleep or watch TV

CAIRO, Dec. 22 (R) — Egyptians spend most of their day sleeping or watching television and only four percent of it working, according to a Cairo management seminar. Dr. Abdul Meloud El-Abd told the seminar Egyptians spend 44 percent of their time sleeping, 36 percent watching television, 16 percent traveling and only four percent in work.

Chinese resort to eye operations to enhance beauty

PEKING, Dec. 22 (AP) — Curious comings and goings are reported at No. 65 Surtmou St. in a hole-in-the-wall house: Young men and women tiptoe in with a bandage on one eye, and tiptoe out smiling with a bandage on the other. Sleek, chauffeur-driven cars deliver the stealthy passengers. On the door is an old bronze plaque: "Dr. Fu Loon Yu."

Dr. Fu is the only private plastic surgeon in Peking who performs "eye jobs" — cosmetic surgery to create folded or double eyelids, considered a mark of wide-eyed beauty.

Most northern Chinese are born without double eyelids and Dr. Fu takes a few stitches to remove the epicanthal fold in the upper eyelid that is typical of Asians. "The eyes are the windows of the soul and I am not afraid anyone to admit I want to look more beautiful," says Miss Jia Xiaohu, a No. 8 bus conductor proudly baring here double eyelids. "All my neighbors say my eyes look larger and I am prettier now," she says with a giggle. "And my boyfriend also approves." Cosmetic surgery once was prohibited and condemned as a bourgeois Western practice. A year ago, officials urged young people to be satisfied with their looks and not to seek eye surgery. Today, however, the simple operations are increasingly popular and are part of a renaissance of vanity and self-expression in China.

In the last 10 months, Dr. Fu has performed more than 150 double eyelid operations costing the equivalent of \$18 each, a hefty sum for some Chinese. His clientele

includes factory workers, actors, actresses, sons and daughters of high party, government and army officials, and some bureaucrats.

Dr. Fu, 58, a graduate of Sichuan Medical College in southern China, lives and works in a single 6-by-14-foot room with his wife, assistant, who wears a long, black traditional Chinese dress.

He recently hung up his shingle under new regulations that permit private medical practice and private enterprise, once banned as capitalist.

Dr. Fu paid the equivalent of about \$1.20 for a 10-year license from the city health department. He earns the equivalent of \$200 a month, tax-free — a salary matched only by the highest Communist officials. He shows his new patients an album of before-and-after pictures of satisfied patients, many good looking but born with the single eyelids and narrower eyes typical of northern Chinese.

He also displays a glossy color photograph of actress Sophia Loren with large, seductive eyes. "But I generally don't recommend those European-American eyelids for oriental faces," Dr. Fu said in an interview. He recommends a simple 10 mm. (one-third of an inch) double eyelid which enlarges the eye with a few stitches.

Some patients, especially party and government cadres, want the esthetically-pleasing double eyelids, but want their eyes narrowed to appear more mysterious or inconspicuous. Most children of high party cadres don't reveal their identity," Dr. Fu says. "But in this country, what ordinary person would show up at my door in a black, chauffeur-driven Shanghai sedan?"

Eye surgery is only part of the rush to beauty in China today. Plastic surgeons also perform nose surgery, pierce ears and create dimples.

Fashionable form-fitting clothing is back after years of disguise in shapeless, proletarian clothes. Women even bound their breasts to appear flat-chested and asexual during the 1966-76 cultural revolution. Today brassiere sales soar.

Health and Beauty magazine sold over 1.1 million copies of one recent issue and is deluged by letters from women who want double eyelids and larger breasts, says editor Xian Loon Zhang.

"Only by studying hard and doing suitable exercises can young females be ensured of a healthy and beautiful breast development," readers were told. The beauty business is booming for Dr. Fu. He operates on one eye at a time so that patients can bicycle home.

Khaled, Fahd hold talks with Assad

By Wahib Gorab
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Dec. 22 — King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd held day-long talks with President Hafez Assad and his delegation here Tuesday on the situation in the region and the recent annexation by Israel of the Syrian Golan Heights.

President Assad arrived here before noon on the first leg of a tour of states in the Gulf and North and South Yemen. He was welcomed at the airport by King Khaled, Prince Fahd, Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard and other senior officials and officers.

Assad was accompanied by Abdul Halim Khaddam, deputy premier and minister of foreign affairs and other senior aides.

The first round of talks was held at the guest palace where President Assad was staying. The Saudi Arabian side was led by King

Khaled and attended by Prince Fahd, Prince Abdullah, Prince Salman, governor of Riyadh and Sheikh Abdul Mohsen Al Zaid, the Kingdom's ambassador in Damascus. The Syrian side was represented by Khaddam and Farouk Al Shara, minister of state for foreign affairs.

The talks revolved around bilateral relations and the means to develop them further as well as the situation in the Middle East.

One of the central topics was the recent effort by Israel to declare the formal annexation of the strategic Golan Heights which it has occupied since 1967. The declaration was denounced worldwide. The U.N. Security Council unanimously declared the decision null and void and called on Israel to rescind its decision before Jan. 5 or face possible sanctions.

The action also led to the announcement of sanctions by the U.S., including the suspension

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Polish workers holding out

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Agencies) — Warsaw radio reported Tuesday that nearly 3,000 Polish miners rejecting pleas from their families and priests, remained on strike deep inside two coal mines.

The radio also said workers at a Katowice Steel Mill still had their barricades up and were holding out. The broadcast monitored in London claimed most industries were operating throughout Poland. No further mention was made of the situation in Gdansk where the sprawling Lenin Shipyard has been closed until after the holidays. It quoted Polish authorities as denying reports by the British Broadcasting Corp. of "mass rebellions by troops in the south."

Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, under house arrest since martial law was declared,

"is currently staying in Warsaw," the Polish broadcast quoted government spokesman Jerzy Urban as saying. Urban said Walesa has been visited by his family. He said Walesa can be released "as soon as the situation in the country permits."

At the Vatican, Pope John Paul II said he recalled "with emotion" his meeting with Walesa in Rome last January and said he hoped that his homeland be spared of bloodshed.

A Polish exile in Gall, Switzerland, said he had talked to Dabrowski by telephone Tuesday and was told Walesa is "in good health" and talking with the military regime for "restoring Solidarity by political means." The exile, Zdzislaw Pregowski, organized a private

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Abdul Sattar coming Saturday

DACCA, Bangladesh Dec. 22 (AP) — President Abdul Sattar stepped up plans to visit Saudi Arabia by a week and is now scheduled to leave Dec. 26, officials announced Tuesday. This will be Sattar's first visit overseas since his election Nov. 15.

Sattar is scheduled to have two rounds of talks in the Kingdom with King Khaled on bilateral and international relations.

157 die as cholera hits Bangladesh

DACCA, Bangladesh Dec. 22 (AP) — Cholera has claimed 131 lives in the southwestern district of Patuakhali during the last 10 days, the daily *Danglar Bani* reported Tuesday.

The district was battered by a recent hurricane and tidal waves, and doctors said cholera spread because of a lack of sanitary drinking water. Another report said cholera claimed the lives of 26 persons in the neighboring subdivision of Bhola.

100 Indians die in cold wave

NEW DELHI, Dec. 22 (AFP) — A cold wave sweeping north and northeastern India has claimed more than 100 lives, reports reaching from different centers said Tuesday. A ground frost warning was issued at several places in western part of Uttar Pradesh, under a severe cold spell for the last 10 days.

Bihar, in the northeast, topped the list with 74 deaths, said a report from the state capital Patna.

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Other ministerial talks to follow

GCC defense ministers meet Jan. 18

JEDDAH, Dec. 22, (Agencies) — Defense ministers of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council will meet in Riyadh next month to discuss ways they might work together to defend the Gulf, officials said Tuesday.

The meeting, scheduled for Jan. 18, will be followed by conferences of the ministers of finance and economy on Jan. 25 and of the interior ministers on Feb. 9, a council spokesman said.

It will be the first meeting of the defense

and interior ministers since the council, composed of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman, was set up in May to face external threats.

At a conference in Riyadh last month, leaders of the six signed an agreement to integrate their countries economically. The finance ministers are expected to discuss ways to apply the agreement.

Meanwhile, it was announced Manama that the Ruler of Bahrain Sheikh Issa bin Salman Al-Khalifah received a message from

Sultan Qaboos of Oman which was delivered by Interior Minister Badr ibn Saud ibn Hareb.

Later, Hareb met with Bahrain's Interior Minister Sheikh Muhammad ibn Khalifah to discuss matters of mutual security interests. Talks also covered the result of the investigation into the gang of saboteurs who were arrested in Bahrain last week with plans to blow up vital installations and assassinate prominent figures before plunging the country into a revolution and declaring a new pro-Iranian regime.

Bahrain and Saudi Arabia have already signed a mutual security agreement during the visit to Bahrain by Interior Minister Prince Naif. Kuwait's Interior Minister Sheikh Nawaf Ahmad Al-Sabah has urged other states in the council to follow suit.

The Bahraini authorities were successful in nipping the conspiracy in the bud on account of the alertness of the security forces which augur well for the future, according to Muhammad Al-Khalifa.

In a statement to *Al-Madinah* newspaper Tuesday he said that thanks to the support of the people and the other states of the Gulf to the government. The people were confident of the abilities of the security forces to stand up to any challenges and defeat any plot to tamper with the security of the country, he said.

He hailed the recent visit of Prince Naif and said it was symbolic of the depth of relations binding the two countries.

In a related development, Abdullah Bishara, the secretary general of the GCC arrived in Kuwait Tuesday for a meeting with Interior Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al-Jaber Al-Sabah to prepare for the interior ministers' conference in Riyadh.

At the same time, Bishara's assistant for political affairs, Ibrahim Hamoud Al-Sobhi, arrived in Bahrain to review with the country's officials the latest developments in the wake of the subversion gang uncovered there.

Arab news agencies parley ends

CASABLANCA, Dec. 22 (SPA) — The tenth session of the general assembly of Arab news agencies decided here Tuesday to resume full cooperation with African agencies and to expand existing relations with the Asian organizations.

The conference which was held here comprised Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Algeria,

King condoles President Saleh

RIYADH, Dec. 22 (SPA) — King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd sent cables of condolences Tuesday to President Ali Abdullah Saleh of North Yemen on the death of his wife. The president's wife was killed in road accident Monday.

The accident occurred on the road linking Taiz, the twin capital in the southern region of the country, and Hodeidah, the Red Sea port, according to official sources in Sanaa. The deceased was 30 years old and had five children.

In another development, King Khaled received the sheikhs and ulama at his palace here as he does every week.

Guide about Kingdom wins annual award

JEDDAH, Dec. 22 — Among six guide books short-listed from a total of 63 for the 1981 Thomas Cook Guide Book Award was *Saudi Arabia - A MEED Practical Guide*.

It is compiled and edited by Trevor Mostyn, managing editor of MEED books, who says in his preface that this book is the first of a series on individual Arab countries.

Besides serving as a comprehensive practical guide for visiting businessmen and resident expatriates, it seeks to explain Saudi Arabia's attractions.

"Such attractions, rooted in the traditional hospitality of its peoples and the charms of its deserts, escarpments and palm groves, fascinated the travellers of the pre-development era," he writes. "Why should they be lost on today's visitor?"

To achieve the broadest overall view of the Kingdom, he has drawn on his own writing, that of resident correspondents, and the knowledge of experts on subjects ranging from flora and fauna to mineralogy, domestic life and archaeology.

UAE delegation leaves for India

ABU DHABI, Dec. 22 (WAM) — United Arab Emirates Minister of Communications, Muhammad Said Al-Mulla left for New Delhi Tuesday heading a delegation on a four-day visit at the invitation of his Indian counterpart.

He will hold talks with officials there on ways of promoting technical cooperation in the fields of telecommunications. This follows a visit made to the UAE last month by Indian Deputy Minister for Communications Thomas Khoo.

Prince Migren lays corner stone for SR437m project

HAIL, Dec. 22 — Hail Governor Prince Migren ibn Abdul Aziz Tuesday laid the foundation stone for a project which will eventually supply power to 155 villages. The ceremony also was attended by Dr. Ghazi Algosabi, minister of industry and electricity, and Mahmoud Taiba, governor of the general electricity corporation.

The SR437.5 million project will produce 340 megawatts of electricity to cater for the needs of about 240,000 persons. It is made up of a five-unit central generating station powered by gas turbines. The project also includes a 132 kilovolt low tension network with a total length of more than 830 kilometers.

It also calls for the establishment of 14 transformers in Hail, Jaafa, Kuhaifiya, Azim, Wusaita, Najitiya, Ghazalah, Halifa, Haet, Khamzat, Ayqalat, and Muwaffaq. There also will be 39 support stations built under the project. Various national firms will take part in the implementation of the scheme.

In another development, three contracts with a combined value of more than SR50 million were signed by the director general of the Saudi Consolidated Electricity Company for the Southern Region, Abdul Rahman Abdul Mohsen Al-Tuwaijri, Tuesday.

One of the contracts, amounting to SR24.8 million, provides for extending electricity to 14 villages around Bisha in the Jizan area. The national company awarded the contract will extend a high-tension cable of 13,800 volts for 85 kilometers, and a low-tension cable for a distance of 60 kilometers. In addition, the contract provides for connecting



Prince Migren power service to 9,000 new subscribers. The project is expected to be completed within 14 months.

Another SR6.7 million contract calls for the supply and installation of mobile branch generating units in Jizan, Sabia, Abdul Areeesh and Khudeira with a combined capacity of 75 megawatt. Won by a national firm too, the contract aims at boosting the capacity of existing branch generating units to serve as many subscribers as possible.

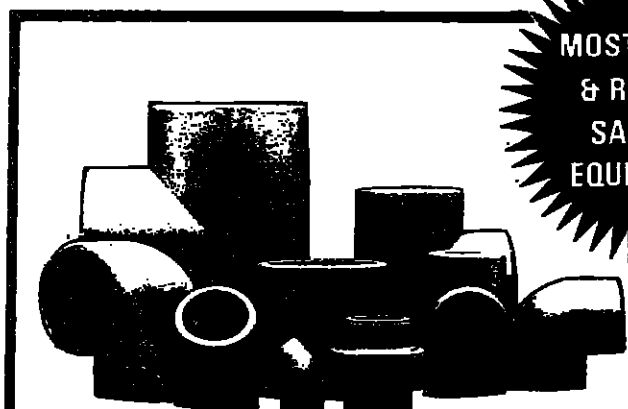
The third contract, worth SR19 million, will provide for the expansion of the Qunfudah power station by supply and installing four diesel-powered generating units. The additional units will produce 10 megawatts. Transformers to increase the 11,000 kilovolt pressure to 13,800 also are included in the contract.

Prayer Times

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Dhuhr (Noon)	12:20	12:21	11:52	11:39	12:03	12:33
Asr (Afternoon)	3:24	3:20	2:51	3:34	2:59	3:24
Maghreb (Sunset)	5:46	5:40	5:11	4:54	5:19	5:44
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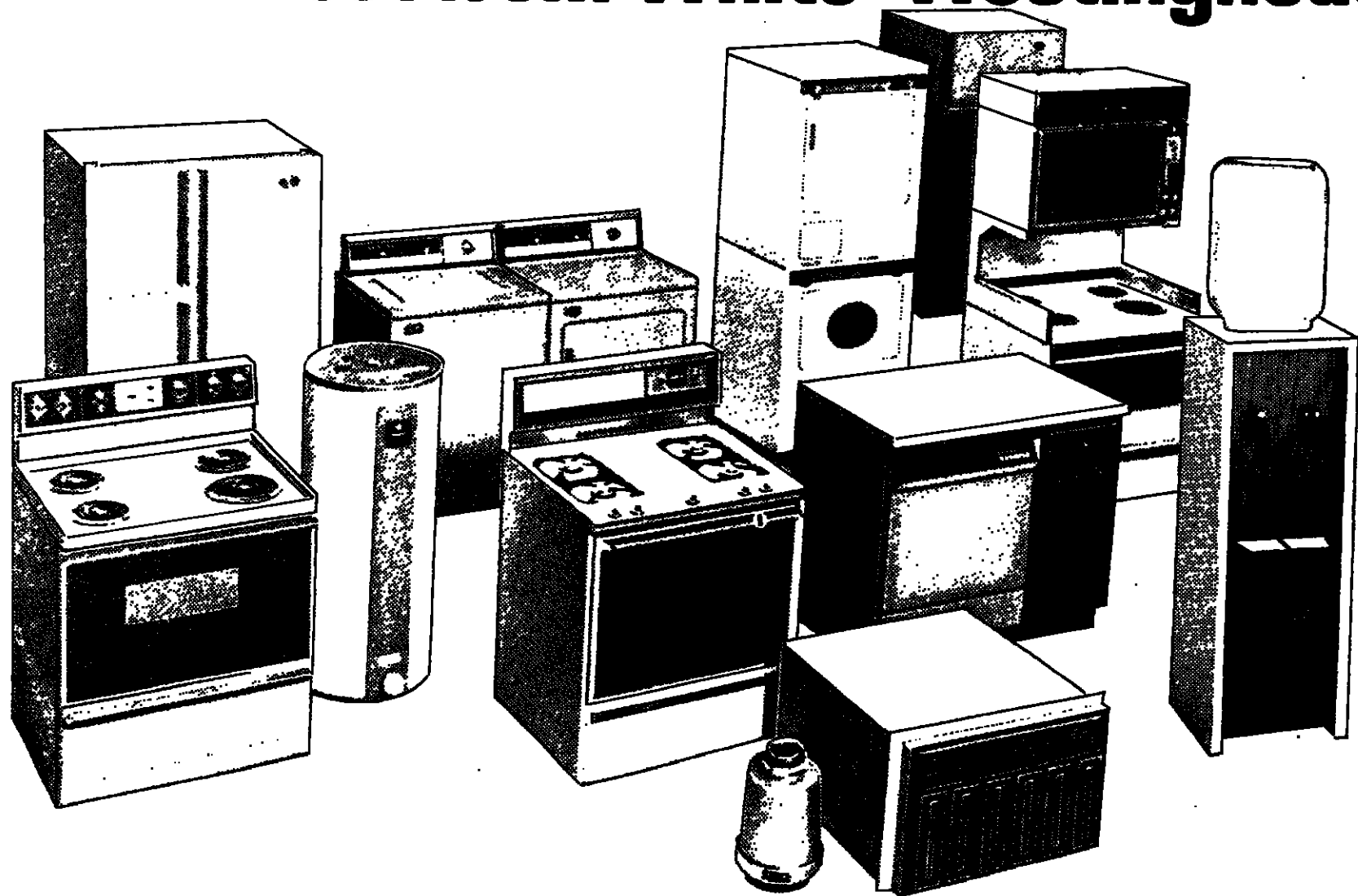
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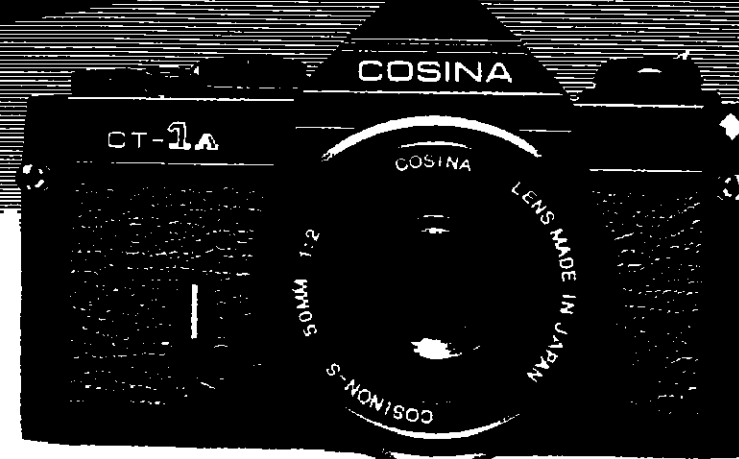
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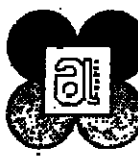
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First toy plant to be built in town

By Habib Rahaman
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Dec. 22 — A toy factory big enough to cater to the needs of the country's children will be built in the industrial estate here as soon as the feasibility studies have been completed.

According to Muhammad Shamsan, the leading importer of toys in the Kingdom, the factory will make a special kind of toys, not the usual plastic gadgets which break up soon after leaving the shop, but those which entertain, please and instruct, he said.

Speaking to *Arab News* Tuesday, Shamsan who has been in the business of importing toys and children's games for 25 years, said there was a definite need for a domestic factory. He has already acquired the land and is negotiating for financing it. The initial cost is put at SR40 million. The country imports nearly SR100 million worth of toys and related goods per year.

Shamsan, who also is a principal importer of cameras and photographic goods, said he also has plans to set up a camera factory with the technical cooperation of Japanese companies which now supply the Saudi Arabian market.

"This is a highly delicate and technical job," he said. "But if the feasibility studies indicate that it will be a viable project I shall go ahead." There are no estimates of the cost but he was hopeful that the local and surrounding markets will make the project worthwhile since the products will be equal to some of the finest goods produced abroad as he will be hiring skilled personnel and using excellent raw materials, he said.

KAU organizes lecture

JEDDAH, Dec. 22 — The public have been invited to attend a lecture on mini-computers and microprocessors by Oklahoma University Professor Samuel Lee at the Faculty of Engineering, King Abdul Aziz University Wednesday 1 p.m.

Red Sea mining progress to feature in Bahrain expo

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 22 — The Saudi Arabian-Sudan Red Sea Commission will present its plan to develop the metal-bearing sediments of the Red Sea, which contains copper, zinc, silver and gold, to the Middle East OCEANEXPO to be held in Bahrain February, 1982.

According to an exhibition press statement, the plan will be presented by the Bureau de Recherche Geologique et Minière, a French public body. Industrial exploitation of these sediments is planned within the next 10 years, the statement said.

In other presentations at the exhibition, which is entitled the International Port and Marine Development Show, Jordan, with the University of Jordan and Yarmouk in conjunction with the University of Nice, France, will show its oceanographic project in the Gulf of Aqaba.

Iraq's Ministry of Transport, the United Arab Emirates' Ports Authorities, Kuwait's national stand, Tunisia's National Ports Authority and Bahrain's

Ports, Asy, Dredging, ship repairing and slipway also will be featured.

For the industrialized nations, France, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands will be represented through their ship-building and repairs, ports, navigation aids and dredging interests. Many other Western countries also will be present — among them Australia, Belgium, Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, Norway, Sweden and the United States.

Brazil and Sri Lanka will be taking part and their national stands. This also is the case for Taiwan, which wishes to promote its services — in particular port construction, dredging work with Ret-Ser Engineering — and also find suppliers.

Further industrial investment in Bahrain — the construction of six new fishing ports starting in 1982 — and the development of the Eastern coast of Saudi Arabia are reinforcing the island's growth.

With its offshore banks, Bahrain has become one of the world's top banking centers and a choice location for the regional headquarters of firms operating in the Gulf.

Representing parliament

Australian group plans visit

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Dec. 22 — A seven-member delegation from the Australian Parliament, led by Health Minister Michael Mackellar, will visit the Kingdom in January, Ambassador Douglas Sturkey said Tuesday.

The envoy told *Arab News* that the mission consists of two senators and four members of the House of Representatives drawn from three major political parties in the Parliament.

IFAD board to meet

ROME, Dec. 22 (SPA) — The executive board of the International fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), meeting under its president Sheikh Abdul Mohsen Al-Sudani, of Saudi Arabia, Monday approved loans totaling \$167.1 million and grants of a value of \$7.4 million to finance projects and programs aimed at boosting food production along with the per capita income of Third World farmers.

The fund's board of governors will hold its annual meeting on Jan. 19 next. The board also approved loans and assistance amounting to \$450 million for Third World countries under a 1982 work program. More than 15 countries in Asia, Africa and South America will benefit from these loans.

and include members of the government and opposition. Most of the members are on foreign affairs and defense committee of parliament, while the rest represent other interests.

It includes Senator K. Sibraa, Senator B. Kilgarriff, A. Holding, M. Samsbury, F. O'Keefe and K. Beazley. The team will be in Riyadh, from Jan. 10 to 13 and in Jeddah between Jan. 13 to 15. During its visit, the delegation will hold discussions with ministers and government officials and also meet with a cross-section of the business community. The group also will visit the United Arab Emirates and Oman.

Sturkey said that prior to the parliamentary team, Australian minister for national development and energy, Senator John Carrick, will visit Saudi Arabia as a guest of minister for petroleum and mineral resources, Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, Jan. 4 to 9, 1982. He will be accompanied by Deputy Minister Alan Woods.

The two officials will be in Riyadh from Jan. 4 to 7 and in Dhahran on Jan. 7 and 8. During his visit, Senator Carrick will hold discussions with a number of ministers and officials on matters related to energy and research in energy. They are also likely to visit a number of oil installations in the Eastern Province. The minister also will visit Kuwait.

Islamic team to allocate \$160m for Sahel relief

By Ahmad Shaaban

JEDDAH, Dec. 22 — A two-day meeting of a working group on emergency rural development projects worth \$160 million in 10 African countries struck by drought opened Tuesday afternoon at the headquarters of the Organization of the Islamic Conference. Arhad-uz-Zaman, OIC assistant secretary general for political affairs and information, welcomed the delegates on behalf of Habib Chatti who is convalescing in Cleveland, Ohio, after an open-heart operation.

The group, made up of Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, the OIC and the Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel known as CILSS, will examine a set of projects submitted by the CILSS Executive Secretariat costing \$162 million as part of a \$210 donation pledged by Islamic states at last January's Third Islamic Summit in Makkah for the African states.

Another group wound up a three-day meeting Tuesday morning on emergency food aid to drought-stricken Cape Verde, Chad, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Gambia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Upper Volta. The group was composed of the OIC, CILSS, the Islamic Development Bank and the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa. It examined statistics, data and statements forwarded by CILSS on the requirements of the states affected within the limits of the \$48 million allocated for this purpose.

Recommendations of both groups will be submitted to a meeting, Thursday, of a sub-committee of the Islamic Solidarity Committee with the peoples of the Sahel, formed by the summit. The committee includes the vice president of Iraq, the finance ministers of Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the UAE and Malaysia, and representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization and the OIC.

The working group on food assistance agreed on the details of the types, quantities and specifications of the food to be granted. It also worked out the necessary procedures for the invitation of international tenders.

Meanwhile, the permanent Council of the Islamic Solidarity Fund will meet in Jeddah Jan. 6, officials of the Organization of the Islamic Conference reported Monday.

OIC Assistant Secretary General Bakari Drame said the council will review final accounts of the year, progress of work on the Islamic university project in Niger and consider a proposal presented by Somalia for establishing an Islamic university in Mogadishu.



RELIEF MEETING: A panel of experts headed by Arhad-uz-Zaman, assistant secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (second from right) is seen here discussing details for channelling millions of dollars worth of food aid to African drought-stricken countries. Experts from CILSS, IDB, BADEA and the OIC secretariat are seen with Zaman.

Saudia orders £2m system

JEDDAH, Dec. 22 — Work on a flight operations information system for Saudia is to be completed by a computer consultancy firm in 18 months under a £2 million contract, it was learned here Tuesday.

According to the *London Press Service* (LPS), the system will handle the operation of all Saudia flights, the assignment of qualified cockpit and cabin crew and the preparation and monitoring of flights to ensure maximum safety and schedule reliability. It also will support the daily operations of Saudia's flight dispatch centers in Jeddah.

Diouf commends Kingdom's role

DAKAR, Dec. 22 (SPA) — Senegalese President Abdou Diouf has commended the efforts of King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd in support of Islamic causes and Muslims in the African continent.

President Diouf's comments came in an address during the inauguration of the Afro-Islamic Coordination Council's second session here Monday.

Muslim World League Secretary General Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan also addressed the opening session. He highlighted the challenges facing African Muslims and the spread of subversive and harmful ideologies "which aim at exploiting the poverty of the African people."

The MWL presented working papers to the meeting pertaining to Islamic education in Africa, the spreading and memorization of the Holy Quran, Islamic information service in the continent and coordination among Islamic organizations. The proposals also cover the dawa (call to Islam) activities in Africa and, on the other hand, hostile movements to Islam.

The Afro-Islamic Coordination Council is the first such body to be established by the MWL at a continental level, Harakan has said.

Bombay, London and New York.

Development of the system, which is to be implemented on an IBM 3033 computer, will take place in five phases: crew record-keeping, crew management, operations control, flight planning and support operations. The crew record-keeping sub-system is to be developed by Saudia staff, with the four remaining parts being produced by a London-based computer consultancy, Altergo.

The contract has been awarded to Altergo, which will develop and test the system in the UK, using its own personnel and IBM hardware.

Majed commends military careers

JEDDAH, Dec. 22 (SPA) — Makkah Governor Prince Majed Monday evening urged the youths to opt for a military career so as to serve their religion, their King and their country. He was addressing a dinner given by Jeddah Police on the occasion of the promotion of Maj. Gen. Faisal Al-Harethi, its commander.

Joining the military service, the prince said, is a kind of tax that the citizen should pay to his country and is a move particularly appreciated by King Khaled, Crown Prince Fahd and the government. He highlighted the role of the Public Security Department in safeguarding the country's security and stability.

Pakistan gets IDB loan

JEDDAH, Dec. 22 (SPA) — The Islamic Development Bank signed an agreement giving a Pakistani government organization a loan of ID10 million, \$11.5 million, to buy new equipment and machinery to increase its production of vehicle tires, it was announced here Tuesday.

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Uluslu blames Papandreou

Turkey, Greece tension looms

ANKARA, Dec. 22 (AP) — Turkish Premier Bulend Uluslu has accused his Greek counterpart, Andreas Papandreou, of escalating tensions between the two countries and reiterated a long-standing Turkish policy of direct talks over bilateral disputes.

In a major foreign and domestic policy speech to the Consultative Assembly Monday, Uluslu referred to what he called the anti-Turkish stand taken by the Greek



Bulend Uluslu

premier during a NATO meeting in Brussels earlier this month.

"His statements ... have clearly shown that he unfortunately lacks both the intention and the will to solve Greece's problems with Turkey by means of negotiations," the Turkish premier said.

Papandreou threatened to pull out of the military wing of the Western alliance unless NATO implements a set of guarantees to protect Greece from a perceived threat from Turkey. Both Greece and Turkey are NATO allies.

The Greek premier insisted that NATO give him a written guarantee against what he termed "Turkish aggression" but the alliance refused to do so.

The Turkish premier warned his Socialist Greek counterpart that "the irreconcilable stance adopted by the Greek government creates unavoidable tensions and will only cause frustration for Greece." He noted that Turkey's basic policy toward its problems with Greece have not changed. "We still favor direct, mutual negotiations," the premier added.

On other foreign policy issues, Uluslu stressed his government, backed by the military National Security Council which took over in a coup in September 1980, still

attached great importance to its relations with NATO and the European Economic Community.

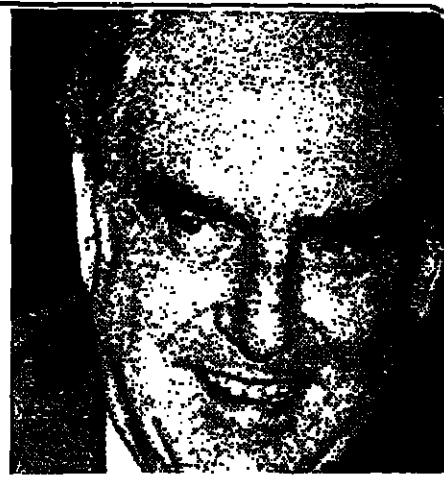
However, Uluslu discreetly complained that his government was not getting a favorable support from West European governments. West Germany, Denmark, Norway and Sweden have criticized what they call human rights violations in Turkey after the coup and the EEC is withholding about \$600 million in economic aid pending an immediate return to democracy in Turkey.

"... I would like to express here our appreciation of the efforts ... especially of the United States. Who has shown interest and understanding toward the conditions and requirements of Turkey," Uluslu said.

Meanwhile in Athens, Papandreou Monday replied to Uluslu's comments accusing him of "many and significant misinterpretations" of Greek government stands.

He claimed that the basic and main aim of his government was the stabilizing of peace in the Aegean region, and making possible cooperation between the two nations.

Papandreou defended his previous claims that there is a "Turkish threat" to Greece, inviting Uluslu to examine the many statements made by former Turkish premiers, and citing "numerous Turkish violations of Greek airspace."



Andreas Papandreou

The premier said that the Greek government "is always prepared to participate in a dialogue, provided that neither one nor the other of the two countries places in doubt the national sovereign rights."

Papandreou said that his government objected to a dialogue under the shadow of the principle of "equite," which he said Uluslu had often referred to and which "places in immediate doubt all international treaties, agreements and conventions safeguarding the legal status of the Aegean." Equite is a principle of holding in abeyance all existing agreements while working out new ones. It is defined as "the resort to general principles of fairness and justice whenever existing law is inadequate."

For role in coup attempt

Bahrain expels Iran diplomat

MANAMA, Bahrain, Dec. 22 (AP) — The Bahrain government of Sheikh Isa Ben Salman al Khalifa has declared the Iranian charge d'affaires persona non grata and ordered him to leave the country, the newspaper *Akhbar Al Khaleej* reported Tuesday. It said that Hassan Shushtri left Manama for Tehran Monday night, after the interior ministry said he was involved in a coup bid against this island state.

Security sources had said that Shushtri was linked to a group of 60 conspirators under arrest here for trying to topple the government. The coup attempt was to have taken

place Dec. 16, when the plotters were to mount a wave of gunfire attacks on police stations and the government house here.

The conspiracy called for taking all cabinet ministers hostage, killing a number of high officials, and fomenting street riots and gunfire collisions with police, according to officials.

If the coup bid were to go as hatched, the plotters were to have broadcast a statement over Tehran radio and ask the people of Bahrain to rally under the "Islamic Revolution."

Minister says

Iraqi-Soviet ties improving

KUWAIT, Dec. 22 (AP) — The Iraqi minister of state for foreign affairs was quoted here Tuesday as reporting "fresh improvements" in Iraqi-Soviet relations. "We do have extensive relations and wide cooperation with the Soviet Union, based on the treaty of friendship," the newspaper *Al-Siyasa* quoted Ahmad Alwan as saying.

He told the newspaper that the Baghdad leadership was satisfied with "our present relations (with Moscow) which recently witnessed fresh improvements."

He did not elaborate. But sources said Alwan was referring to the recent strain in Baghdad-Moscow ties, when the government of President Saddam Hussein suppressed home-grown Communists.

Alwan also told the paper that Iraq and other Arab League member countries were

to stand united against France's "new Mideast policy." He said that Iraq looked unfavorably on statements attributed to French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson during a recent trip to Israel.

Other Arab countries deplored Cheysson for what they termed as anti-Arab policies by France.

But Alwan suggested that combined Arab action against France would be delayed until Baghdad receives the text of Cheysson's statements and clarifications on certain points in them.

He said that Iraq was in favor of pan-Arab stance against Israel's annexation of Syria's Golan Heights, asserting that "this is not Syria's responsibility alone. Rather, it is the responsibility of Arabs to stand together against the Israeli move."

Despite political differences

Niger wants to mend rift with Libya

NIAMEY, Dec. 22 (AFP) — Niger is apparently quietly trying to mend its fences with Libya, despite continuing political differences between them. Authorities in Niamey have thus refused to talk about the recently reported defection to Libya at the end of last August of a dozen senior government officials, including Muhammad Ahmadou, head of the defense minister's office.

Instead official sources noted that Public Health and Social Affairs Minister Moumouni Djermakoye Adamou had been to Tripoli in November with a message from Head of State Col. Seyni Kountche to Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi.

Djermakoye, considered to be Kountche's No. 2, was said by diplomatic sources to have revisited Libya for a brief period since. Both trips followed a visit to Niamey in mid-October from an envoy of Qaddafi, Atomic Energy Minister Abdul Majid Kuud.

These exchanges of messages, whose contents have not been revealed, followed a freeze in political relations between Niamey and Tripoli dating from last January, when Niger threw out the Libyan diplomatic mission here. The Libyans were accused of trans-

forming the embassy into a "people's bureau" without consultation and carrying out activities "incompatible with their diplomatic status."

The government daily *Sahel* said the people's bureaus were sources of "plots and subversion against the host country."

Relations had been going downhill since the previous October, when Qaddafi, in a speech at Awbari, in southwest Libya, accused Niger and Mali of persecuting the Tuareg, the desert nomads of the border regions.

Niger hit back with a campaign against Libya's "subversive activities" and last April arrested on the border with Nigeria a Senegalese, Ahmet Niasse — known as the Ayatollah of Kaolack — who was alleged to be one of "the principal recruiting agents for Libyan subversion in Central and West Africa."

However despite the closure of the Libyan Embassy and cultural center in Niamey and "commercial" activities have been suffered. Libya depends on Niger for uranium for experiments in producing nuclear energy.

Car bomb defused in Beirut suburb

BEIRUT, Dec. 22 (AFP) — A car bomb was safely defused in a Beirut suburb Tuesday and seven suspected booby-trapped vehicles were reported to police in the western sector of the city in the space of a few hours.

The car was found in the mountain suburb of Aley, near a school. It contained a ten-kilo bomb. The device was defused.

The fear of bombs has greatly slowed up traffic in the capital, causing giant jams. This is especially noticeable at the two crossing points between east and west Beirut.

The additional delay at military checkpoints manned by Syrian troops of the Arab peacekeeping force is responsible for the jams. Tuesday many cars were searched from top to bottom.

Turkish cabinet reshuffled

ANKARA, Dec. 22 (AP) — Turkish Premier Bulend Uluslu named four new cabinet members Tuesday following the resignations of four ministers for unannounced reasons, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported. The agency said the cabinet changes were approved by the head of State Gen. Kenan Evren.

Uluslu named Kaya Kilicoglu to replace Necmi Ayanoglu as health minister and Ali Bozer to take over at the ministry of customs and monopolies from Recai Baturalp.

Mehmet Turgut, a former member of now-dissolved parliament, was asked to head the ministry of industry vacated by Sahap Kocatopcu and Fahri Ilkel will be the new energy and natural resources minister.

The Uluslu government was formed in September last year after the military takeover in Turkey.

Political sources said the cabinet reshuffle was prompted by Uluslu's determination to give a new impetus to his cabinet line-up. The source, who did not want to be further identified, said that all four ministers were "requested" to resign to make room for a new group of technocrats.

"They stressed the portfolios of energy and industry were crucial at a time when Turkey was trying to curb inflation rate down from about 100 percent before the coup, to currently 35 percent and encouraging Turkish companies to export instead of selling on the local market."

The newly-appointed Industry Minister Mehmet Turgut is a mechanical engineer and held high-level government posts before serving as a deputy in the past conservative governments. Energy Minister Ilkel is a graduate of the University of Michigan.

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Over attack on U.S.

Israeli premier faces no-confidence motion

TEL AVIV, Dec. 22 (AP) — Prime Minister Menachem Begin faces a parliamentary no-confidence motion Wednesday over his harsh treatment of the United States, but looks certain to defeat it. The motion, the second of its kind this month, was introduced by the small Shinui (change) Party following Begin's vehement attack on U.S. policy Sunday.

Begin has a thin 61-seat majority in the 120-member Knesset, or parliament. The right-wing Tehiya (renaissance) Party has said its three members will support Begin, and he may win one or two additional votes from the Telem faction, a right-of-center group founded by Moshe Dayan.

Voting for the resolution will be Shinui's two members and the 48-seat Labor Party, possibly backed by the four-man Communist Party.

Taking into account absentee deputies, an unofficial head-count 18 hours before the debate starting at 0900GMT showed Begin could defeat the motion 58-46. Begin overcame a previous motion Dec. 2 by a narrower

57-53. That motion, introduced by the Labor Party, opposed the signing of an anti-Soviet strategic alliance by Israel and the United States.

That alliance, only a month old, now appears to be dead. Washington suspended it indefinitely in retaliation for Israel's annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights, and Begin said he saw this as canceling the alliance.

Moshe Arens, Israel's next ambassador to the United States, said Israel canceled the alliance "because it became clear that there was no point in having it." Arens, who heads parliament's foreign affairs and security committee, told Israel radio the alliance was meant to serve both America and Israel, but Washington had regarded it as "a bonus being thrown to the Israelis (that) is now being taken back."

The alliance was criticized here because it appeared to sharpen Israel's differences with America into outright confrontation.

In his attack on the United States, leveled at U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis, Begin accused Washington of treating Israel like a vassal state and said the Israeli people "have lived 3,700 years without the (alliance) and will continue to live another 3,700 years without it."

Begin also complained bitterly about Washington's punitive measures against Israel in the past seven months: the withholding of warplane supplies following the bombing of the Iraqi nuclear reactor June 7 and the bombing of Palestinian commando headquarters in Beirut July 17, and the suspension of the alliance following the Dec. 14 Golan takeover.

Meanwhile, about 2,000 Syrian demonstrators, brought in by bus from Syrian towns and villages, staged a protest against Israeli annexation of the Golan Heights close to the Israeli border. They shouted insults and slogans at Israeli border troops posted only 90 meters away, Israel radio said.

Mubarak sends note to Reagan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP) — Egypt's ambassador to the United States hand-delivered to President Reagan Monday a letter from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak over developments in the Middle East since Israel annexed the Golan Heights last week.

Egyptian Ambassador Ashraf Ghorbal, who requested the meeting with Reagan, told reporters outside the White House afterward that the letter concerned "the latest developments in our area."

Ghorbal would reveal no details of the letter, but he said Mubarak and Reagan "are on the same wavelength in their anxiousness to push for the peace process."

Both the United States and Egypt have reacted angrily to Israel's unilateral move to annex the Syrian Golan Heights, which was occupied by Israel during the 1967 war.

A one-sentence statement issued by the White House Press Office after the session said Reagan "stressed the U.S. commitment to the peace process and emphasized that all relevant and outstanding issues should be resolved by negotiations between the parties."

Mubarak plans to visit Washington in February for his first meeting with Reagan since the assassination of former Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

Arab ministers to meet Jan. 5

TUNIS, Dec. 22 (AP) — The extraordinary meeting of Arab League foreign ministers called by Syria for next Sunday to discuss the Israeli annexation of the Golan Heights has been rescheduled for Jan. 5, league sources said Tuesday.

The postponement was also at Syria's request, the sources said, so that Syria could await the results of the U.N. Security Council which is to meet at the latest Jan. 5 to take "appropriate measures."

Cheysson to visit Egypt on Jan. 2

PARIS, Dec. 22 (R) — France's External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson, who was in Israel earlier this month, will make an official visit to Egypt on Jan. 2 and 3, a spokesman for his ministry said Tuesday.

Cheysson had originally been due in Cairo last week but his trip was postponed because of the military takeover in Poland and discussions among Western countries on how to react to it.

At the same time official French sources said Defense Minister Charles Hernu would also make a visit to Egypt from Dec. 30 to Jan. 3. Hernu will visit arms factories and Egyptian military bases, the sources said.

BRIEFS

BONN, (AFP) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi will probably make a private visit to West Germany some time next year. Liberal (Free Democrat Party) member of parliament Juergen Moellmann said here Tuesday.

MANILA, (R) — Riot police Tuesday arrested a dozen Iranian students, some armed with knives, grenades and petrol bombs, from among two rival groups demonstrating in central Manila. Opponents of Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini had planned a protest rally but when they arrived, they were met by a pro-Khomeini group and riot police.

KHARTOUM, (AFP) — Sudan has started plans for building a sea port in Egypt in association with South Korean company. The Sudanese Sea Ports Corporation recently concluded an agreement in Seoul for carrying out a 12-month million-dollar technical study on the design capacity and cost of the new port near El Alamein on the Mediterranean.

RABAT, (R) — Moroccan news agency manager Abdeljalil Fenjro was Tuesday elected chairman of the Union of Arab News Agencies. The union's annual general assembly opened Monday in Casablanca.

Syria party chief commits suicide

DAMASCUS, Dec. 22 (AFP) — Mamdouh Haddad, leader of the "Avant-Garde" section of Syria's ruling Baath Party committed suicide in his home Monday, official sources said here Tuesday.

Haddad was said to have committed suicide when police arrived at his home to arrest him in connection with "allegations of corruption."

Other reports Tuesday said that Haddad was murdered at his home and that the murderer had been arrested.

Iran executes 17 opponents

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Agencies) — Seventeen rightist opponents of Iran's regime were executed Monday on the orders of military tribunals in several cities, a Tehran newspaper reported Tuesday.

The newspaper *Kayhan* said most were members of the Saman and Pars groups, dedicated to overthrowing Ayatollah Khomeini and bringing the late Shah's son Reza Pahlavi to power.

Kayhan said five of them were junior army

and police officers who went before a firing squad in the northwest city of Orumiyyeh after an Islamic military court found them guilty of plotting against the clergy-led government.

Firing squads in Tehran and western city of Sanandaj also executed several civilians and some military personnel for involvement in a coup plot which was thwarted last year.

Some 100 people, mainly air force officers, were put to death in connection with the conspiracy which the government said had been financed by Shahur Bakhtiar, the Shah's last prime minister who now lives in exile in Paris.

In another development, the National Democratic Front of Iran, a group of progressive intellectuals formed after the 1979 Iranian revolution, said Tuesday it was joining the National Resistance Council founded by former President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr and left-wing Mujahadeen leader Massoud Rajavi.

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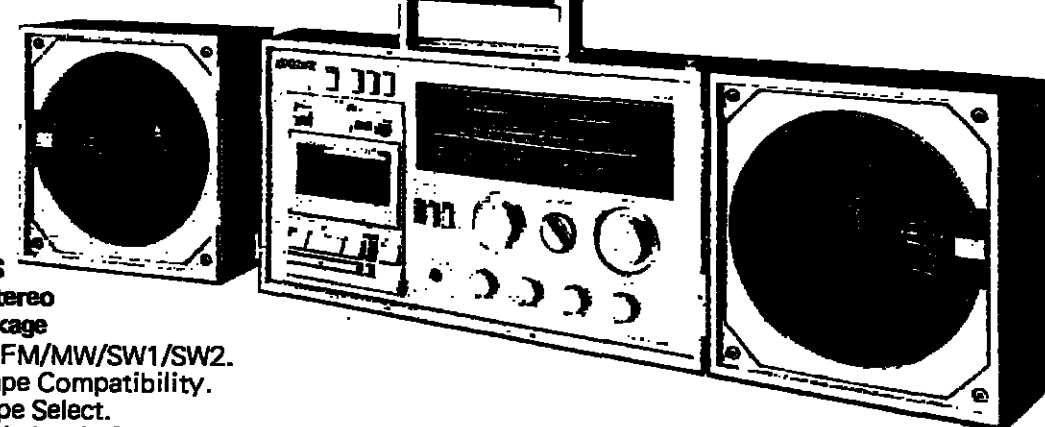
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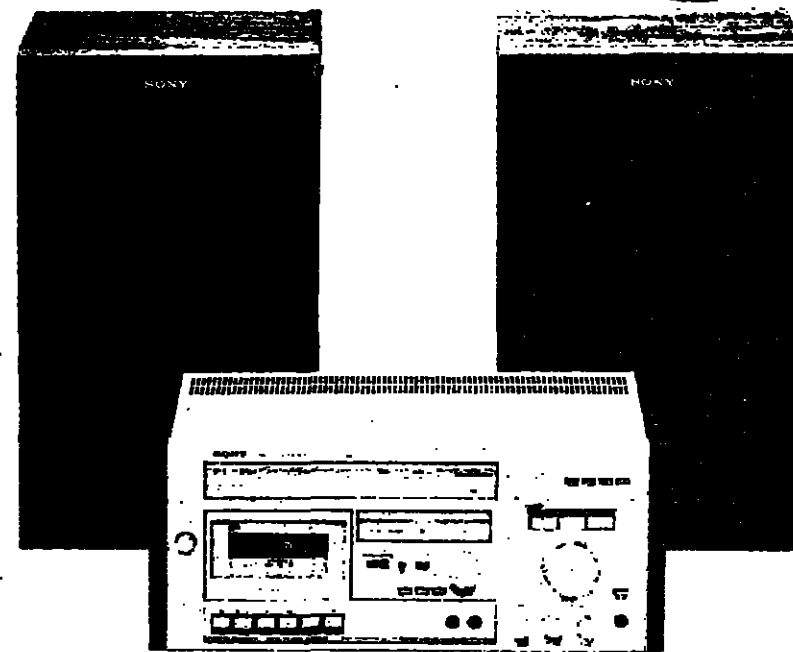
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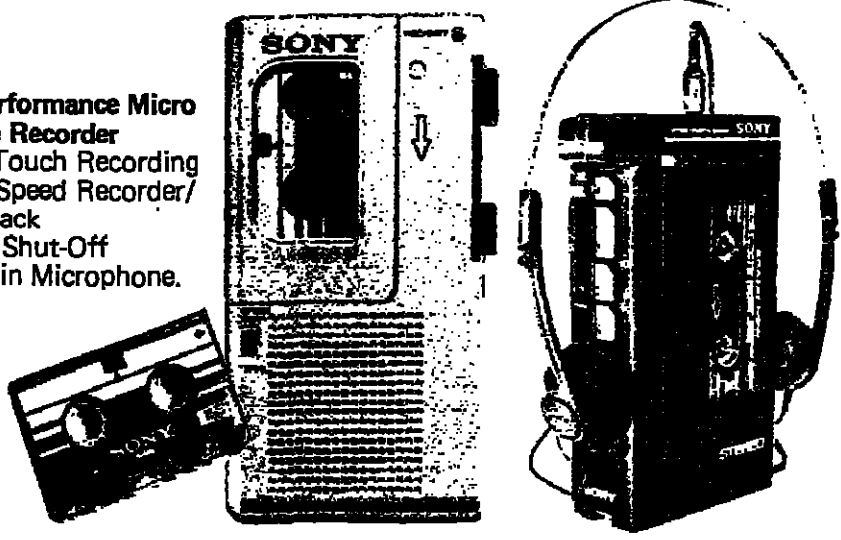
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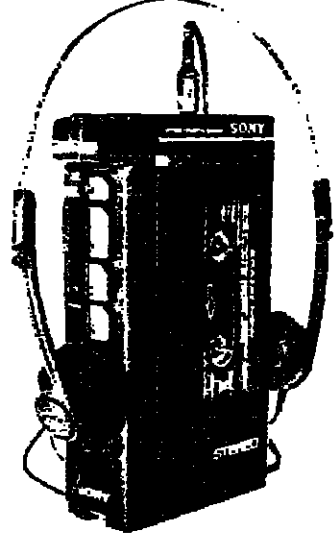
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COLLECTIVE SECURITY

Kuwait's Interior Minister Sheikh Nawaf Ahmad Al Sabah yesterday urged the Arab Gulf states to join Saudi Arabia and Bahrain in a security pact to ensure proper and extensive coordination in internal security matters.

Bahrain and the Kingdom had earlier signed such an agreement after it became known that Iran was planning widespread subversion in the neighboring Arab states with a view to destabilizing the region in its favor. Having lost its own internal security and stability, the Iranian regime, or whatever remains of it, is planning to let the whole region go up in flames if it could do so.

This should have been foreseen two years ago when the Iranian revolution triumphed, then quickly went out of hand and the country was plunged into a state of anarchy. The dangers to the rest of the region became too obvious to ignore and but for the Iraqi-Iranian war, which has, somehow, stymied Iranian moves, the Tehran regime would have done much more damage than it can do at present.

Unfortunately, the Arabs take a bit too long to take action and start a process of either union or intensive coordination in an orderly way. The Gulf Cooperation Council was long overdue. It should have been formed even before the downfall of the Shah. The man had designs on the small countries which in turn had no coordinated defense against either invasion or determined subversion incited from abroad.

We hope that Kuwait, which has hailed the Bahrain-Saudi Arabian pact, will be the first to sign similar ones first individually with each GCC country and then collectively when the interior ministers meet in Riyadh next February. The defense ministers who are due to meet next month should also seriously consider the desirability of closer coordination and the creation of contingency plans to help each other in case of external danger to their independence.

Saudi Arabian press review

The U.S.-Israeli relations in the wake of the Israeli decision to annex the Golan Heights figured for editorial comments in Tuesday's newspapers.

Okaz urged Washington to honestly reassess its relations with Israel for the preservation of its dignity as a world power, which has now been exploited miserably by the terrorist Begin. The paper called on the U.S. administration to back the relevant Security Council resolution on Israel's annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights.

Okaz said the U.S. was totally mistaken in its calculations that Israel will serve the American interests in the Middle East. "This wrong conception resulted in exhausting the American taxpayers as the U.S. has been providing massive weapons to Israel which is encouraging the Zionists to hold on to the occupied Arab lands and to commit aggressions against the Middle East states," the paper said.

Commenting on the Israeli reaction to the U.S. decision to suspend the strategic cooperation accord with Tel Aviv, **Al-Jazirah** said, "Israel with its latest decision to annex the Syrian Golan Heights has proved once again it can never be a useful and reliable ally to anyone."

The paper said, "Israel, as usual seeks an opportunity to defy

international law and the United Nations Charter. Its latest decision to annex the Golan Heights is to provoke Syria and create tensions in the region so as to realize its expansionist designs."

Dealing with the same subject, **Al-Riyadh** stressed the paramount need of forging Arab unanimity at the regional and international levels to realize the Arab and Islamic goals.

The paper welcomed the Reagan administration's decision to join the Security Council vote against Israel for its forced annexation of the Golan Heights and the U.S. decision to suspend its strategic cooperation pact with Israel.

Al-Madinah said the Arabs and the whole world "are now waiting to see what will the U.S. do to restore its prestige after being humiliated by the Zionist gang of Tel Aviv?"

The paper urged the U.S. administration to take a positive action over the Middle East issue and shoulder honestly its responsibilities as a superpower by taking a tough stand against continued Israeli aggressions on Arab lands.

Al-Nadwa hailed the council of ministers call to the U.S. administration to initiate a firm stance over the continued Israeli violations for ensuring peace and security in the Middle East region. (SPA)



'Army in exile' preparing for battle of 'liberating Iran'

By Staff Writers

VAN, Eastern Turkey — The soldiers, in battle fatigue, are gathered around the flag to take the salute as part of a ritual that begins a long day of rigorous training. It is just before sunrise and the barracks, a disused mudbrick school-building, looks like those heroic Hollywood outposts in the heart of desolation. Only the camera is absent — in fact all cameras are banned from this lonely chaos of rugged mountain in eastern Anatolia where the Prophet Noah once traversed in his ark during the flood.

The soldiers, mostly sporting awesome moustaches, could be Turks. But they aren't. A glance at the flag they are saluting tells the story. It is a tricolor: green, white and red with a golden lion and sun emblem shining at its heart: Iran's ancient flag, discarded by Ayatollah Khomeini's Islamic Republic.

But what are Iranian soldiers doing in Turkey? For the time being, training and waiting and hoping. The barracks in question is one of 22 scattered on the Iranian Turkish frontier. It is not clear how many of them are actually inside Turkish borders. Everyone is willing to talk, as long as no specific answers are required.

How many soldiers are there? Estimates vary between 8,000 and 12,000. There are some 50 generals, including two with four stars each, serving as figure-heads for this little army of former heroes of the late Shah's Imperial Army. The generals spend most of their times in Ankara and Istanbul where the Buyuk Ankara and the Hilton are their favorite abodes.

The on-the-spot command is assured by lower-ranking officers who go out of their way to keep their men's morale high. And this is no easy task. The barracks stands on a windswept slope and has no system of heating. With temperatures falling to -20, it is difficult to think of this Turkish episode as an exotic holiday.

Here, the commander is Brig. E.P., a 50-year old veteran of Iran's expeditionary war in Dhofar. A tall, broad-shouldered soldier with a bellowing voice, E.P. insists that we should not give his full name. "It isn't out of any fear," he said. "But here we are all unknown soldiers. We are not after fame or glory. All we mean to do is to save our country from total destruction."

The brigadier says he left Iran some 18 months ago after he found out that "Khomeini is an enemy agent sent to destroy Iran." For six months, he had served under Khomeini hoping that the Iranian revolution would "turn toward national interests." But with the execution of some 300 high-ranking officers and the arrest or the retirement of a further 8,000 in the first six months of the republic, it became clear that Khomeini considered the "destruction of the army" as a priority.

Most of the other officers, as well as most of the men, have similar stories. They all tried to live with Khomeini as long as they could and then found this intolerable. Several told us they deserted Khomeini's army because they did not want to kill Iranian Kurds or other ethnic minorities. Some spent some time fighting alongside the Kurds before entering Turkey. Capt. Akbar Soltani, an air force officer willing to give his full-name, even became "defense minister" for one of the Kurdish factions led by Abdul-Rahman Qassemliou. He left Qassemliou after he allegedly found out that the Kurdish leader was "Moscow's secret agent."

Another officer, artillery Maj. Morad Rahnaavard sneaked out of Iran only three months ago to join his comrades. He claims that most of Iran's officers sympathize with the counter-revolutionaries and that the Iranian army would already have "finished off Khomeini" had it not been for the war with Iraq.

None of the officers is prepared to speak of their plans for "liberating Iran", claiming that this depends on their superiors in Ankara and Istanbul as well as political chiefs in Paris. But they all claim that even the war with Iraq is no longer considered a reason for not moving against Khomeini.

Despite their apparent isolation from the outside world, these soldiers of adventure seem to be extremely well-informed about events inside Iran and more specially inside the Iranian armed forces. A succession of couriers visit Iran clandestinely on a regular basis to pass on messages and to bring back news. One such courier, a 22-year old private, said he had accomplished six such missions during the

past year alone.

But where do they go to? The Iranian border provinces of Azarbaijan and Kurdistan seem to pose no problem as far as this type of clandestine passage is concerned. "There is no government in Iran and no one keeping the frontiers safe," Maj. Rahnaavard said. "Khomeini has entrusted the keeping of Iran's border with Turkey to the Shakkak tribes in exchange for \$3 million a year. But the chiefs are ready to turn a blind eye when they have their moustaches greased by others."

There are at least two secret bases inside Iran that serve as something of a dual observation post for the counter-revolutionary army in Turkey. According to rumors, these bases are situated in Salmas and Naqada. Together, they contain a total of 1,400 officers and men, regular soldiers from all over Iran who now dress up as Kurdish tribesmen to escape detection.

Cap. F. B., a 33-year old paratrooper who once served in Iran's peacekeeping force in Lebanon, headed one of the two bases until last August when he was badly wounded in an engagement with Khomeini's Revolutionary Guards. He was brought out of Iran and received treatment in West Germany. He arrived in Turkey early in November as a liaison officer with "the internal forces." He claims that "the whole nation is ready for an uprising."

"People are fed up," he said. "And they look up to the army to give the signal. Last time the people abandoned the army and see what happened to the country. This time all Iranians know that the army and the people must not be separated."

The captain rejects suggestions that the Iranians army now fighting Iraq is loyal to Khomeini.

"How could it be?" he asked. "All the officers in command are our comrades. We have been at military college together. We have served long years together. The officers are all one body and cannot be divided."

It is on this basis that the "army in exile" is, as far as we could make out from conflicting views, looking to the army inside the country to play the key role in ending Khomeini's regime.

The "army in exile" is apparently planning to increase its strength to two full divisions. Most of the recruits are expected to come from army deserters crossing the border into Turkey almost every day. There are enough generals in exile to put up an army of half a million. But lower-ranking officers and NCOs are still too few. Hundreds of junior officers and NCOs have fled to Europe and the United States in the past three years and the counter-revolutionaries hope to attract most of them when things begin to move faster.

But it is clear that the exile commanders look to Iran's war prisoners in Iraq as an important source of manpower. There are an estimated 100,000 such prisoners, reportedly including 2,000 officers and NCOs. Most of them, according to exile commanders, would welcome a chance to fight Khomeini alongside the "liberation army" now taking shape in Turkey. Tribal fighters are considered as auxiliaries only and not as potential members of the "liberation army."

"The tribesmen," Brig. E.P. explained, "are useless out of their own territory. Besides, they have little training in the use of modern weaponry."

The presence of at least two dozen highly-trained fighter-bomber pilots among the exile soldiers is an

enigma. Is the "liberation army" envisaging the use of aircraft against Khomeini? And if yes, who would provide the aircraft and the airports from which to take off?

There are conflicting answers to these questions. But clearly, the exile commanders believe that when "the right moment" comes a large number of pilots now inside Iran would fly their aircraft out of the country. Alternatively, the pilots now training on the border could be smuggled into the Tabriz region where they could capture fighter-bombers stationed there.

Does this army have any chance of success?

It is difficult to imagine two full divisions invading Iran from inside Turkey to march onto Tehran, some 750 kilometers away, without provoking a ripple. It is also doubtful that the Turks would be prepared to risk chaos on their most sensitive border at so critical a time.

And what about the Russians? Clearly, the exile leaders depend on Washington to neutralize Moscow and to make sure that Iran's battle is fought by the Iranians alone. But is the Reagan administration willing or able to deliver?

The exile military planners are aware that their only chance of success depends on two factors: speed and the cooperation of the army inside Iran. The first factor is not difficult to ensure. The region between the frontier and Tehran is thinly guarded with most of the army and Revolutionary Guards on the Iraq war front or ensuring the safety of leaders in the capital. A well-disciplined, tough and motivated force of professional soldiers could steamroll its way through regions that mostly support Ayatollah Kazem Shariatmadari, Khomeini's chief rival among the religious leaders.

But what if the army inside refuses to join in? The Iranian army, reconstituted because of the war with Iraq, now numbers an estimated 400,000 men. True, most of these consist of raw recruits with little fighting quality. The best divisions are committed to the front and would be unable to move as long as the war with Iraq continues. But Khomeini would still be able to put together enough cannon-fodder to stop the invading force. Also, the ayatollah, determined to defend his republic regardless of the costs, may simply order the abandoning of Khuzestan so that he can shift the army to defend Tehran. In that case the "liberation army" would only achieve an easy victory for Iraq.

There is, of course, talk of negotiations with Iraq so that Baghdad agrees to stay where it is and declare a ceasefire as soon as the signal for revolt is given. Former Premier Shapour Bakhtiar, closely associated with Iraq for the past three years, is understood to be working on those lines.

With such an Iraqi undertaking the "liberation army" could immediately be joined by anti-Khomeini divisions in other provinces. The exiles even hope that the present commanders of the army would cross over to counter-revolution and assume leadership of the "liberation army" in conjunction with exile generals.

The navy, believed to favor its former commander Adm. Ahmad Madani is looked upon to make a simultaneous move into the southern provinces while Baluchi tribesmen in the southeast also rise in revolt. The great deal of energy and money spent on other tribal groups is also expected to bear fruit, making a nationwide rising against the ayatollah

possible.

For the time being, however, the counter-revolutionaries have not yet succeeded in creating a unified command at least in military and diplomatic fields. The lower-ranking officers on the spot are strongly united. We talked to many of them belonging to different groupings. They all said that as officers they believed that the army must retain its unity. They refused to be drawn into political discussions. But it is clear that they want power for themselves. Turkey's army is looked upon as a model. They believe that Iran has experienced its hardship because the army was kept out of politics both under the late Shah and under Khomeini.

If they ever seize power from Khomeini, they will certainly not do so merely to hand it over to the politicians. In more than a week of discussions and interviews we were able to see that these officers have nothing but contempt for the political leaders. There is a strong monarchist sentiment among them. Some even describe themselves as monarchists. But it is clear that they would accept a king only as a figure-head, a sentimental symbol of the past. The older generals are unlikely to fare any better. The generation gap is simply too great.

Former President Bani-Sadr is also beginning to court the exiled officers, now that his original prediction of an early collapse of Khomeini's regime has proved incorrect. Bani-Sadr is becoming increasingly convinced that he cannot hope to return to power solely through the efforts of the Mujahideen Khalq guerrillas who, in any case, are making it clear that they consider the former president as no more than a dispensable figure head for the time being.

The officers and soldiers at the Turkish-Iranian borders may not have a great chance of success. But if they do succeed they will unroll no red-carpet to any person. Col. Behzad Moezzi, Bani Sadr's "defense minister" in exile, found this out during a recent visit to exile officers in Turkey. He was welcomed as a brother and warmly hugged. But when he asked for allegiance to the former president he was told that the army should be loyal only to the nation and to its own "duties."

The exile officers in Turkey have helped hundreds of politicians from various groups, parties and trends to escape from Iran through their channels. But they say they are doing this out of "charity."

"To us there is no difference between political grandees who want to escape and the hundreds of women and children who are also crossing the frontier into Turkey every week," said one officer.

Meanwhile, life is hard for these would-be heroes. They are allowed two weeks off after every three months of "active duty" in Turkey or inside Iran's frontier regions. Most of them visit Paris or West Germany where they meet political leaders. Many of them still have their families inside Iran and fear for their safety.

Officially, they are in Turkey as "tourists" and are not allowed to appear in uniform outside remote regions. Turkish officials go to great lengths to deny their existence except as "friendly visitors on holiday." But this must be the only holiday everyone wants ended as quickly as possible. No one knows when the end would come. But many hope that by spring, when climatic conditions improve, the holiday may end and action may begin.

Spaniards worried about democracy

By William Cerny-Jones

MADRID —

Fears of a fascist revival in Spain have been given a further boost recently with the public declaration by 100 army officers and NCOs of their sympathy with those behind last February's attempted coup in the parliament building in Madrid.

The chiefs of staff responded instantly, placing the men under house arrest and ordering a warning statement to be read to all army units. The 100 soldiers issued their manifesto, demanding autonomy for the army and identifying with the officers awaiting trial for their part in the February coup, to coincide with the third anniversary of the post-Franco democratic constitution.

Many Spaniards have become seriously worried about the health of democracy and its chances of survival since Lt. Col. Tejero and 200 Civil Guards stormed into the Cortes and held the government and deputies as hostages at gunpoint during the

night of Feb. 23.

At the same time Gen. Milans del Bosch declared martial law in Valencia while his tanks patrolled the streets, and elite armored units temporarily seized the radio and television center. The right-wing army officers expected the king to fall in with their plans and accept a military dictatorship, but Juan Carlos remained loyal to the constitution and the coup collapsed.

The defiance of the fascists has increased during the year. Many army and Civil Guard officers are right-wing and do not disguise their contempt for democracy. They have the arms and they also have the secret backing of many wealthy industrialists.

Two weeks ago, Prime Minister Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo reformed his cabinet in an attempt to unite his seriously splintered UCD party. The Central Democratic Union was always a loose-knit coalition, including Social Democrats on the Left and right-wing conservatives.

Calvo Sotelo is not a very popular personality — he has hardly ever been seen to smile in public. There are few reasons why he should smile today. His cabinet reshuffle has not been greeted with enthusiasm. Contrary to predictions, he has not reinforced his ministry with right-of-center politicians loyal to him.

He has given Antonio Garcia Diez the vital portfolio of economics minister and appointed him second vice-president. Garcia Diez, a moderate, did not join Fernando Ordonez, the Social Democrat who started the crisis by his resignation from the party last September.

The appointment of Garcia Diez, however, has not pleased financial circles whose disapproval was expressed by a gloomy reaction on Madrid's Stock Exchange. Calvo Sotelo expressed his confidence that his new team, not a very new team at that, would remain at their posts until the government's term of office expires in 1983. (ONS)

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Red Sea, Gulf discussed

Seashell guide written for laymen, turned into a major reference work

By Raana Siddiqi

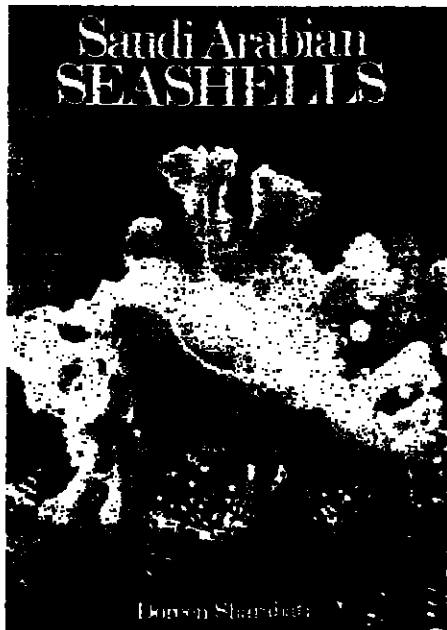
Saudi Arabian Seashells by Doreen Sharabati. VNU Books International, pp. 119.

JEDDAH — Illustrated books on Saudi Arabian subjects are being printed at a great speed now. The latest entry is a beautiful hard cover book entitled *Saudi Arabian Seashells* written by Doreen Sharabati. It is a fascinating study of the sea life in the marine waters on both shores of the Arabian peninsula — the Red Sea and the Gulf. The book has received the recognition and support of the Saudi Ministry of Information and is acclaimed as the first work of its kind dealing in great depth and vivid detail with the variety of marine molluscs, or seashells as they are popularly known, found in the waters along the Kingdom's coastline.

Doreen Sharabati has been living in Saudi Arabia since the late 60s. Her interest in seashells began with beachcombing and snorkeling at Obhor Creek and was further developed when her husband Issam taught her scuba diving which opened new vistas of the teeming marine life in the Red Sea.

She started serious work on collecting the unique Red Sea shells, learning their names and cataloging them as a hobby. She discovered that very little was available on the subject. Sharing her newly acquired knowledge with others in book form took shape during her two-year stay in Al Wajh where her husband was working on the airport project.

As the author says in the preface "at the time of writing there is no book in print about the seashells of the Red Sea or those of the Arabian Gulf.... The small amount of literature about Red Sea and Gulf shells is primarily of a scientific nature and scattered in



professional journals and inappropriate to most general readers."

In order to learn more about the marine molluscs, Doreen Sharabati spent many study hours at the British Museum of Natural History. She does not claim to be an authority on the subject and *Saudi Arabian Seashells* was written as a layman's guide. The book has turned out to be a major reference work on this little known and hard to explore subject.

The book is laced with beautiful photographs by well known marine photographer Gunnar Bemert and Issam Sharabati and still life studies by Kit Constable Maxwell.

Saudi Arabian Seashells is much more than a picture book. The detailed scientific information can satisfy a serious collector and the

general reader. The author uses simple language often describing scientific terminology in popularly known form. There are numerous diagrams throughout the book to further simplify and enhance the understanding of the uninitiated.

The book is made up of a preface and three chapters. The preface, divided into two parts, has a long note on conservation and the author hopes that the book would contribute to the current efforts to preserve the environment, its natural inhabitants and their fight for survival. Mrs. Sharabati also reviews Saudi Arabia's marine conservation measures in this section of the book and pleads for legislation and action to prevent widespread pollution of the sea waters.

The first chapter of the book describes the geography of the Arabian Peninsula and pays special attention to the features of the Red Sea and the Arabian Gulf. The author's stay at Al Wajh gave her special insight into the topography and geographic conditions prevalent on the Red Sea coast which she describes at length.

The bulk of the book is made up of Chapters II and III which deal with seashells, what they are and how they live, their uses, and shell provinces and zones of the area. Detailed summary is then made of the seashells around the coast of Saudi Arabia.

The book also contains a glossary of technical and scientific terms of marine biology and a fairly comprehensive bibliography.

It goes to the credit of Doreen Sharabati that although the subject of her book is out of the ordinary, her rendering makes it interesting to the common reader. *Saudi Arabian Seashells* is not only a book on marine life and its conservation but furnishes much information about Saudi Arabia's rich natural history and geographic surroundings. The book should thus adorn both the racks of public libraries and the coffee tables of living rooms.



RED SEA REEF: The habitat of many beautiful seashells and other underwater animals.

Famous for his mathematical magic

Gardner retires from showing how tricks are done

By Lee Dembart

HENDERSONVILLE, N.C. (LAT) — Martin Gardner, the recreational mathematician, philosopher, debunker of pseudo-science, delighter of readers of *Scientific American* and explainer "extraordinaire," was sitting at the kitchen table in his home doing magic tricks.

He tied the ends of a handkerchief into a knot and pulled it tighter and tighter. Suddenly the knot disappeared. Gardner did it again.

"Look at it from the back," he said, turning his body, "and you'll see it's done. The ends that you tie are adjacent, not opposite ends. So the knot pulls out."

Unlike most accomplished magicians, Gardner is happy to show how his tricks work. His overriding interest in life is for people to understand things and to see the rational explanation behind what looks magical.

Through it all, he works hard to create a sense of wonder, and he delights in surprises. It is a point of view that has pervaded his "mathematical games" column in *Scientific American* for 25 years, an era that is ending now, with Gardner's retirement from the magazine. His final column appears this month.

Although he never took a college course in mathematics, "I couldn't solve a calculus problem if my life depended on it," he said in an interview. Gardner used his amateur's zeal, his playful eye and his unyielding respect for man's intellect to become a leading expositor of mathematics.

He's the best expositor of mathematics who ever lived," said David A. Klarner, who edited a volume of mathematical essays dedicated to Gardner on his 65th birthday two years ago.

The appeal of Gardner's columns touched the visceral attraction of mathematics, the beauty of finding intellectual order in the world's seeming disorder.

But more than the subject, it was Gardner's unique approach, his demand for clarity and his interweaving of philosophy, literary allusions and magic into the column that made it the magazine's most popular feature.

What's more, he steadfastly refuses to use formulas.

Gardner is especially drawn to problems that have deep philosophical roots, such as paradoxes that challenge what we understand by free will and determinism.

"There's a connection between the recreational world and a very serious world, and Martin makes those links more beautifully and more clearly than anybody else I know," said Persi Diaconis, a longtime friend who is a professor of statistics at Stanford University and an accomplished magician in his own right.

Every month, starting with a puzzle or oddity, Gardner led the reader into complex theories in current mathematical work, embracing such diverse fields as number theory, logic, card tricks, numerology, communications theory, topology, and many more.

"I tried to pick a topic that was as different from the last topic as possible," Gardner said.

The audience for the column ranged far beyond mathematicians.

"He adds a certain humanness to it," said Ron Garham, another close friend of Gardner who is head of the discrete mathematics department at Bell Laboratories in New Jersey. "He is able to single out interesting facts that are interesting to people who don't make a living at mathematics."

Some of the columns drew hundreds of letters, and Gardner became a clearinghouse, putting people interested in similar subjects in touch with each other. He developed a network of informants who tipped him to new developments.

Not being a trained mathematician, Gardner occasionally made mistakes. Most recently, he wrote that there were only two ways to trisect a cube, that is, to cut it into three identical pieces.

"It was a beaut," Gardner allowed. "It turns out that there are an infinite number of ways to do it."

Gardner has published more than 30 books, nine of which are compilations of the math columns and the rest of which display his enormous breadth of interests: Literary criticism, *The Annotated Alice A Guide To Wonderland*, is his best-selling work; popular science, *The Relativity Explosion* explains modern physics; magic, his *Encyclopedia of Impromptu Magic* is the bible of the field;

pseudo-science, his latest book, *Science Good, Bad And Bogus*, is an expose; and fiction, a novel *The Flight Of Peter Fromm*, discusses theology.

"If you ignore his interest in magic and philosophy, you miss the point of almost every thing," said Dana Richards, a mathematician at Indiana University-Purdue University of Indianapolis, who is the keeper of the Martin Gardner bibliography.

"The unifying thread is that Martin Gardner likes the unexpected," Klarner said.

"It's the respect that he would like to do to our intellects that makes him an important person," said Peter Renz, an editor at W.H. Freeman Co., *Scientific American's* book-publishing arm.

"He definitely likes to tickle people, to stimulate them in an amusing way," Renz said.

After living and working in Westchester County near New York city for many years, Gardner and his wife, Charlotte, moved to rural North Carolina early this year, where they have taken up residence.

During a daylong interview, during which Gardner was reticent to talk about himself, he referred to his books and meticulously kept files repeatedly, sometimes coming across a piece of paper with an unexpected fact that he enjoyed sharing.

"Five thousand is the largest number and the longest name for a number that has no repeated letters," he read from one such slip. "Of course, I can't prove that," he added, returning the paper to the file.

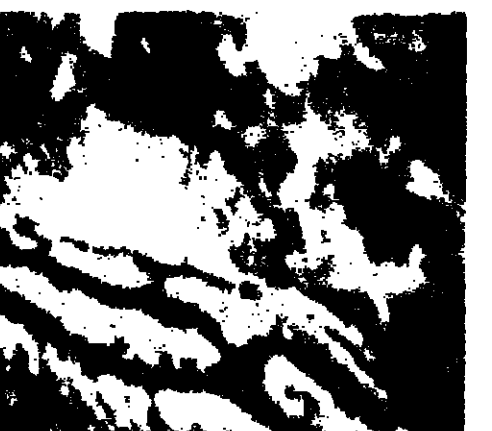
Martin Gardner's life exemplifies the theory that life is a series of accidents, all of which are preparation for what one is doing now.

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DELICATE MARINE LIFE: Photographs of underwater marine life in Saudi Arabian Seashells were taken by Gunnar Bemert and illustrate their beauty in natural form.



U.S. Cat units provide hope, Third World countries acclaim development

By Spark Matsunaga

WASHINGTON (WP) — The Pentagon, almost without realizing it, has launched a program in the Pacific that could work wonders throughout the developing world. The army, navy and air force are quietly deploying elite 13-man units trained to operate in remote areas. The units are mobile, self-contained, versatile.

Like the Special Forces, they are linked to the military's worldwide network of communication and supply. But instead of M-16s and grenade launchers, these units are equipped with air welding tools, socket wrenches, concrete mixers and other light construction gear.

They are called Cats — Civic Action Teams.

The leader of each team is an engineer. All team members are expert equipment operators and carpenters, in addition to their separate construction skills.

Working in Micronesia, Cats have built rural roads, water catchment basins, dispensaries, schools, bridges, wells — just about everything in the way of physical infrastructure that a developing rural community needs.

Their military fatigues bother no one. Their work is nonmilitary, and they accomplish it with an earthy enthusiasm that Micronesians find more appealing than the sophisticated earnestness of many civilian aid workers.

They are by far the most successful single American aid program in a region receiving more than \$100 million a year in U.S. aid.

In fact, the Cat's continuing presence has been written into the independence compacts for the various Micronesian entities — at the insistence of the Micronesians.

Think of it: A mobile rural construction and training unit designed for missions in developing countries — packing more skills than any unit of its kind in the world — proven effective, enormously popular.

Why, then, do we find the Cats consigned to a few scattered Pacific islands, at a time of renewed commitment to the Special Forces concept, and to bilateral aid?

Of course, an expanded role for Cats would involve an element of risk from terrorists. But where do U.S. forces not run such risks nowadays? Even Paris and Heidelberg aren't safe. Risks might be reduced by limiting Cat activities to nations where we already have a foreign aid presence among a basically friendly population.

Cats once had a far more expansive role, only to lose it in a twist of irony. The program was launched in 1961 under the impetus of a group of navy civil engineers — Seabees — who thought their skills might help combat rural poverty in the Third World.

Seabee teams, as they were called then, served with distinction in rural areas throughout Latin America and Africa. Then, in 1964, the program was ended. The Seabees were ordered to send teams only to Vietnam and Thailand. A program designed to fight the causes of war had become another weapon in a brushfire war that was fanning out of control.

And so the Seabee teams joined the ranks of dozens of "pacification" programs that faded from awareness when we left Indochina — their prewar achievements and extraordinary potential forgotten.

Except by a group of stubborn-minded navy civil engineers stationed in the Pacific territories. There the Seabee teams were reborn as Cats. Army and air force units in Guam and Hawaii learned of the Cat's success and asked to join the program.

At present four Cats are working in Micronesia — two navy, one army, one air force. The next step should be to restore the Cats to their former role elsewhere in the developing world.

Cats have proven their effectiveness on Pacific islands.

Why not Caribbean islands?

Not long ago, the Cubans took a crack at training Jamaicans at rural construction, employing special units called Brigadistas.

The program was a failure.

Now they are building an airfield on Grenada. But they aren't doing well with that one either, we hear. That's not surprising. The Cubans are not the world's best builders.

Cats would be a triumph in the Caribbean.

Or consider Zimbabwe. Earlier this year, the United States joined 35 other nations in pledging \$2 billion toward a three-year Zimbabwe reconstruction and resettlement program. A great deal is riding on that effort, which the Soviet Union is boycotting. Central to the program's success is the construction of a network of all-weather roads that will open tribal areas to commerce on a cash crop basis, thereby generating funds for improving the standard of living among an impoverished and restive rural majority. Cats could make a decisive contribution there, and elsewhere in Africa.

Ironically, rural construction constitutes the weakest element of the entire U.S. foreign aid effort, which is weighed toward human services such as health care and education.

Those services are needed. But also needed, more and more, are all-weather roads, wells, bridges, crop storage facilities, vehicle maintenance — the nuts and bolts of economic development. Yet, although we rank second to none at the required skills, we ignore the opportunity.

One reason, I suspect, is that rural development aid is best carried out by military construction units on the Cat model — tough, mobile, disciplined. But U.S. civilian and military agencies tend to compartmentalize their roles, so that, in this case, the military won't do it and civilians can't do it the way it needs to be done.

If the Pacific experience is any test, greater use of Cats would be a boon to military morale. Cat members are volunteers. And there is no shortage of them, although a Cat tour means eight months in the field.

Moreover, a tour with a Cat offers training in field communications, logistics, small-unit operations, adaptability in rough terrain. As a Seabee officer put it:

"The main reason we receive is for rural roads. And roads in rough terrain are what you train engineer units to build in wartime. So we are training ourselves even while we are training the local people."

Chinese effort to avoid Medfly

By Michael Parks

PEKING (LAT) — China banned the unauthorized importation of fruits and vegetables recently in an effort to keep out the Mediterranean fruit fly. Citing the widespread damage done in California in the past year and a half by the Medfly, the government's state council prohibited the importation of all fruits and vegetables, including those brought by travelers, without ministry of agriculture approval and strict quarantine and inspection.

There have been no reports of the Medfly here so far, but Chinese newspapers have carried extensive accounts of the damage done to crops in California and the state's economic losses resulting from Medfly quarantines.

Although China is basically an agricultural exporter, it has been buying some California oranges and other fruits for sale in Shanghai and other large cities. In addition, the 2.5 million Chinese visitors who come from Hong Kong each year often bring a variety of food, some of it from California.

"This kind of fly is very destructive," the government warned in a circular. "It can survive most efforts to exterminate it, and it can live on more than 100 varieties of plants."

Chinese ships and aircraft are to take special precautions on their journeys to the United States and Europe, the government said, and to go through new anti-Medfly procedures before returning home.

Everyone's chances of contracting cancer could be lessened by eliminating nitrites

WASHINGTON — Meat and poultry processors could lessen everyone's chances of contracting cancer by reducing or eliminating the nitrite and nitrate preservatives they place in 10 percent of our food, a national research council panel said last week.

The nation should also try to cut nitrite-nitrate consumption in other ways, such as reducing nitrate fertilizer runoff into lakes and rivers, the group said. This is increasingly contaminating Americans' drinking water.

Still, nitrite, nitrate and related compounds are by no means a huge cause of cancer such as cigarettes, the group added. A person who smokes a pack of filter cigarettes a day gets 17 times more such compounds than in an average daily diet.

These chemicals are causing no probable human cancer epidemic, but they are highly suspect because of their effects on animals. Nitrite and nitrate form harmful nitrosamines, which are powerful cancer-causing agents.

It is the formation of nitrosamines and

or drying. It also gives meats a pink color and sharp taste consumers have come to regard as natural, though often it is not. Nitrate, which is converted to nitrite by chemical action, is usually added to meats to augment nitrite protection.

Nitrite in some meats has been reduced sharply in recent years by order of the Agriculture Department. Uncertain as to what to do next about these chemicals and facing food industry opposition to more restrictions, the USDA and Food and Drug Administration last year asked the National Research Council, a research arm of the National Academy of Sciences, to study the matter.

The NRC committee headed by Dr. Maclyn McCarty of Rockefeller University reported that:

— Nitrite should be reduced in all products "to the extent protection against botulism is not compromised," an extent still unsure, though nitrite has been reduced in some meats and there are nitrite-free products on sale, especially in Sweden and Canada.

related compounds in the body and in cooking that is the main fear, rather than nitrite-nitrate consumption itself.

Almost all vegetables and fruits contain nitrite. They contribute nearly 60 times more nitrite than preserved meats to the average American diet.

Most persons need not make any major changes in what they eat and certainly should not stop eating healthful fruits and vegetables, committee members stated.

But "I've started drinking orange juice," which is rich in Vitamin C, said Columbia University biostatistician John Van Ryzin. Vitamin C and Vitamin E may inhibit the formation of nitrosamines and may counteract the nitrite in meats, vegetables and fruits.

For centuries, nitrite and nitrate have been used to preserve meat. They now are found particularly in hot dogs, sausages and preserved meats of all kinds.

Nitrite protects against deadly botulism, and no chemical substitute for it has yet been discovered, although meats also can be protected by freezing, canning, pickling

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India 'decides' to buy Soviet MiG fighters

NEW DELHI, Dec. 22 (AFP) — India has decided to buy Soviet MiG-27 fighter planes for its air force instead of French Mirage-2000 aircraft, reliable sources said here Tuesday.

The office of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi — who is also defense minister — has declined to comment on India's purchase of a fighter capable of challenging F-16 planes the

France assures on Mururoa atoll

PARIS, Dec. 22 (AFP) — France has given an assurance to Australia that regular checks showed there was no radioactivity in the region of the French nuclear testing site of Mururoa atoll in the Pacific, the External Affairs Ministry said here.

The French government is anxious to dispel concern expressed by the Australian government following information it had received that there was radioactivity around Mururoa following French nuclear tests. In a diplomatic note handed over on Dec. 17 to the Australian Embassy here, France declared that no traces of radioactivity had been recorded. The note said that the surrounding waters showed no signs of radiation, nor did living organisms in it.

3 of 4 say

U.S. will be involved in war

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (AP) — Three of four Americans say it is likely the United States will become involved in a war during the next few years, according to the latest Associated Press-NBC News poll.

Public opinion was divided over whether recent Reagan administration statements about nuclear arms increase the chances of war, but a majority of respondents said they do not think it will be President Reagan's fault if the United States becomes involved in a war.

There were 1,602 scientifically selected respondents in the Dec. 14-15 nationwide telephone poll.

Seventy-six percent said it is either very or somewhat likely the United States will become involved in a war during the next few years, an increase from 68 percent in the September and October AP-NBC News polls and 57 percent in the August poll.

Yet 59 percent said they are not worried that President Reagan will get this country involved in a war. Respondents split 48-44 in

United States is to deliver to neighboring Pakistan, India's traditional rival.

Last week the Washington correspondent of the *Indian Express* newspaper quoted French sources as saying New Delhi had chosen the Soviet MiG-27. The newspaper's report has not been confirmed or denied. A few days later, the Hong Kong-based *Far East Economic Review* reported that India had decided under Soviet pressure to purchase the MiG-27 for delivery in 1984.

The mid-December edition of the fortnightly magazine *India Today* said that New Delhi would opt for the Soviet deal if France did not propose identical sale conditions to those offered by Moscow.

The magazine said India had shown interest in the purchase of 140 Mirage-2000 aircraft, some of which would be assembled in India. The deal would be worth \$3 million, according to the *Review*.

Reliable sources said the Soviet Union had agreed to terms which few Western competitors — private or nationalized — could meet without facing bankruptcy: repayment over 20 years at 7 percent interest with a two to three-year grace period, and payment in Soviet roubles.

Eighty percent of the Indian Air Force is made up of Soviet Mig-21 aircraft that are manufactured under license in Bangalore in the south of the country.



BACK TO BARRACKS: Salvadoran troops return to their barracks after completing a counterinsurgency operation in Morazan province Sunday. Unofficial reports said the clashes with leftists caused more than 200 casualties.

Intends to do useful work

Waldheim feels relieved

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 22 (AP) — Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, honored by U.N. correspondents Monday night on his 63rd birthday, told them that on giving up his high post at the end of this year, he intended to return to his native Austria "to do some useful work there."

Waldheim, secretary-general since the beginning of 1971, also said, "I have a feeling of relief from a tremendous burden." He added that he had 10 years "with no family life."

David Horowitz, the American president of the U.N. Correspondents Association, thanked Waldheim for cooperating with reporters and gave him a pen and pencil set.

Waldheim turned up at the correspondents' party in his club after telling the U.N. Security Council, in a farewell speech, that "in times of gathering tension and crisis, it is essential that the council and the secretary-general 'act with unity of purpose'."

He complimented the council president for December, Ugandan Ambassador Olara Otunnu, on "great skill, clear-headedness and objectivity in dealing with an unusual number of complex and difficult questions."

Otunnu broke a deadlock in a race for secretary-general between Waldheim and Tanzanian Foreign Minister Salim Ahmed Salim by getting both to drop out so that the council could choose from among other candidates. The council eventually nominated Javier Perez de Cuellar of Peru for secretary-general on Dec. 15 and the assembly elected him Dec. 15 to a five-year term in the post starting Jan. 1.

Monday's council meeting concerned the election of a judge on the International Court of Justice in The Hague to succeed Abdullah El-Erian of Egypt, who died on Dec. 12.

The council adopted a resolution expressing regret at El-Erian's death and saying simply that the election should take place "at a meeting of the Security Council and at a meeting of the resumed 36th session of the General Assembly," which was suspended indefinitely last Friday.

The council heard farewell speeches by ambassadors whose countries will finish two-year terms on the 15-nation council at the end of the year — Porfirio Munoz-Ledo of Mexico, Taieb Slim of Tunisia, Ide Oumarou of Niger, Alejandro Yango of the Philippines and Peter Florin of East Germany. Their countries will be succeeded on the council Jan. 1 by Guyana, Togo, Zaire, Jordan and Poland.

Panda population rises

PEKING, Dec. 22 (AFP) — The cuddly black and white Chinese panda, threatened with extinction in the 1970s, has gotten a new lease on life, it was reported here Tuesday.

China's panda population, which had slumped dramatically, has now stabilized, the official New China News Agency reported, mainly because of the discovery of a substitute for their favorite food, the arrow bamboo whose disappearance in 1975-76 led to the deaths of more than 150 pandas.

There are about 1,000 pandas living wild in the south and center of China as well as about 60 living in captivity. At the beginning of this century there were several thousand.

Aid assured to Cambodia factions, Shafie says

BANGKOK, Dec. 22 (AFP) — Many countries are willing to give aid to non-Communist Cambodian factions, whether a coalition of anti-Vietnamese groups is formed or not, Malaysian Foreign Minister Tan Sri Ghazali Shafie said here Tuesday.

The Malaysian diplomat — who returned to Kuala Lumpur later Tuesday — hinted that the aid might include arms that would strengthen the anti-Vietnamese elements in their fight against a 200,000-man Vietnamese army now in Cambodia.

"These outside countries want to see the Cambodian people make their own choice, and this is impossible if the Khmer Rouge are the only ones who have guns," he said.

His visit to Thailand came as the five non-Communist countries in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) — Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines — were awaiting a Khmer Rouge decision on whether to join a proposed coalition of the Khmer Rouge, the rightist Khmer Peoples' National Liberation Front (KPNLF) of former Premier Son Sann and a group led by former Cambodian head of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk.

The Khmer Rouge, which was ousted in the Vietnamese invasion of January 1979, is currently campaigning against joining such a grouping.

Ghazali said he saw the campaign as a sign that Khmer Rouge confidence in their grip over the Cambodian people has slipped. "If they wanted to reject (the coalition), the Khmer Rouge leaders could have rejected it out of hand, without asking their people," he said.

On the question of military aid to the Cambodian resistance factions, he said Malaysia would not be supplying any arms. "We are going around the world to buy arms for ourselves," he said. "How can we afford to give away any weapons?"

Meanwhile, China looks unlikely to swing its support behind the ASEAN proposal for the coalition of anti-Vietnamese factions in Cambodia, diplomatic sources in Peking said Tuesday.

The Thai deputy foreign minister, Arun Bhanyaphong, is in Peking apparently with that in mind, although his presence is officially attributed to an annual meeting of the Sino-Thai Committee on Technical and Scientific Cooperation, which began sessions Tuesday.

No information has emerged on Arun's talks in Peking, and the Chinese media have yet to report on his visit.

U.K. mother gets record damages

LONDON, Dec. 22 (AP) — A record British damages award for personal injury of 414,563 pounds (\$775,232) was made in the high court Monday to a mother confined to a wheelchair for life by a hospital blunder.

Mrs. Carol Brown, 38, a former model and dancing teacher, was paralyzed by a pain-killing injection in her spine at the birth of her son, Dominic, in the south London hospital of St. George's, Tooting, in Jan. 1979.

She told judge Sir Peter Taylor she can touch her baby "but I can't feel him. I can only kiss him."

The judge said it was not clear if the wrong anesthetic was injected or there was a mistake in how it was done. He awarded the damages against Merton, Sutton and Wandsworth Area Health Authority, which admitted liability after keeping silent for 2 1/2 years.

The previous record damages for injury was 358,252 pounds (then \$777,979) when the exchange rate was higher — or \$632,531 at the current rate) to a 32-year-old man who lost a quarter of his body in a road accident.

Elizabeth Taylor ends marriage with Warner

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (AP) — Actress Elizabeth Taylor and her husband, U.S. Sen. John Warner, have separated after five years of marriage, it was announced.

Chen i Sam, a spokeswoman for Miss Taylor, issued Monday a statement on behalf of both Warners saying, "they have agreed amicably to a legal separation."

"Each party accepts this change in their relationship with sadness, but with no bitterness between them."

The Virginia Republican, 54, is the sixth husband of the 49-year-old actress. Earlier this year the Warners had sought a retraction from a *National Enquirer* article which said their marriage was "crumbling."

The March 31 issue of the *Enquirer* said on its front page, "Liz Taylor, bored to death with her role as a senator's wife, is flying back to the arms of her first love — show business."

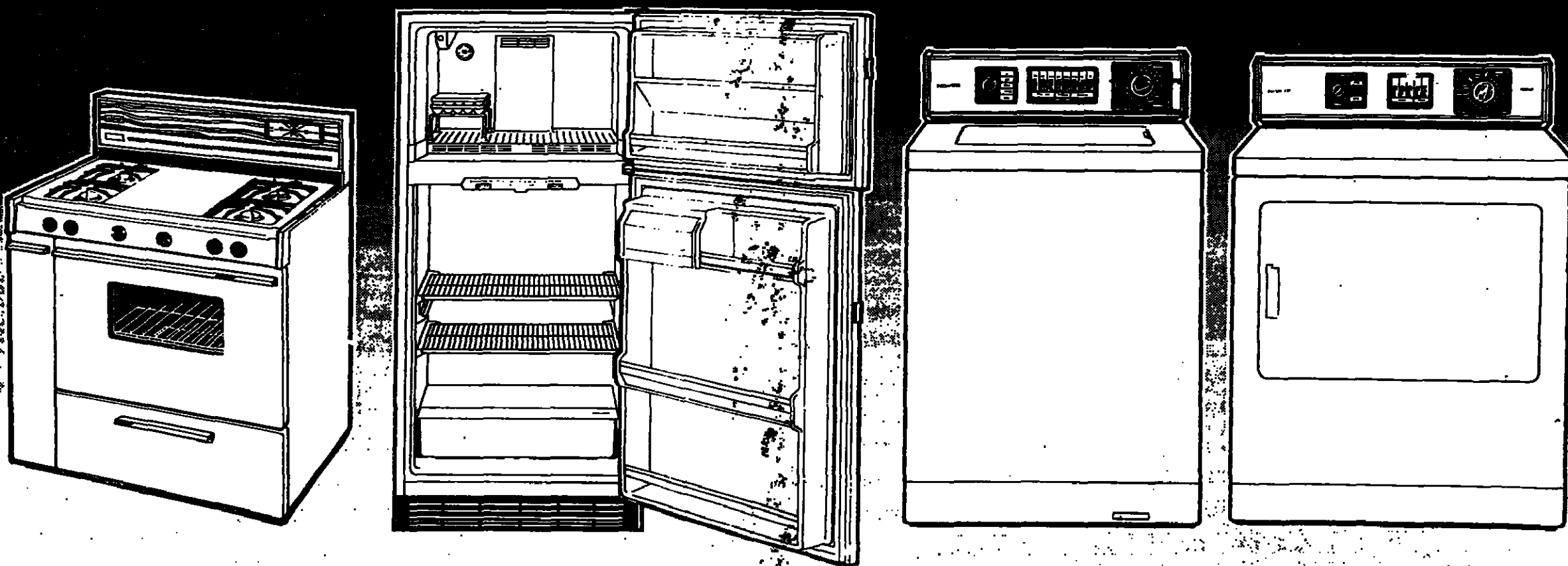
Warner, multimillionaire former U.S. secretary of the navy, was elected to the Senate in 1978. Miss Taylor was a frequent star attraction on the campaign trail.

Since the election she made her Broadway debut in "The Little Foxes," but continued to accept the role of the senator's wife in public. The play was a hit and the reviews were stunning.

Miss Taylor, who was in Los Angeles Monday, was married to hotel heir Nicky Hilton, actor Michael Wilding, producer Michael Todd, entertainer Eddie Fisher and twice to actor Richard Burton.

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End arms race, Brezhnev says

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP) — The Soviet Union and the United States should abandon "the senseless arms race" and "return to the path of normal relations," says Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev.

Responding to written questions from NBC chief diplomatic correspondent Marvin Kalb, the Soviet leader said the current arms negotiations the two nations are holding in Geneva "will determine whether the danger of outbreak of nuclear war will increase or decrease."

Brezhnev, the network said Monday, expressed a concern that his country and the United States are sliding toward a confrontation. "The dangerous zeal in stepping up the arms race must be curbed," he said.

"It is necessary to reduce the heat of the tensions, to extinguish the dangerous hotbed of crisis situations, to abandon the policy of the senseless arms race and to return to the path of normal relations between states ...," Brezhnev said.

"Artificial obstacles" are preventing the improvement of U.S.-Soviet relations, said Brezhnev, adding that his country is ready to resume strategic arms control negotiations, according to NBC.

"It would be far better for our countries if such obstacles were removed and did not ever emerge altogether," said Brezhnev. He did not explain what the artificial obstacles were.

The Soviet president's responses to the

questions came before the crackdown by the Polish government against the Solidarity labor movement a week and a half ago. He did not mention Poland.

Although saying the Soviet Union seeks agreement in the U.S.-Soviet intermediate missile negotiations now under way in Geneva, Brezhnev added: "This matter does not depend on us alone."

"The key to successful negotiations lies in the observance by both sides of the principle of equality and equal security," he said. "No violation of this principle must take place."

He said agreement must take into account the specific features of the arms systems of both nations and also the "difference in the geographical locations" of the two countries. "Both parts of the scale must be in genuine balance."

The Soviet president said he hopes there will be a summit meeting between himself and President Ronald Reagan, but, reflecting a view also held by Reagan, he added, "adequate preparation is necessary for such a meeting to be successful."

"Experience shows that to better understand the positions and intentions of each other, and to take serious political solutions, summit meetings are more useful than any other form of interstate communication," he said.

Brezhnev said he shares the concern that the two nations are sliding toward a confrontation.

"The dangerous zeal in stepping up the arms race must be curbed," he said.

Asked about Brezhnev's statements, the chief U.S. arms control negotiator, Eugene Rostow, said on NBC's "Today" television show Tuesday morning: "He's trying to separate the United States from its allies and he's trying to head off the attempt to modernize and restore the balance of our forces, both nuclear and conventional, which President Reagan has begun ..."

"The Soviet interest in preventing Western rearmament, the restoration of the military balance between the United States and the Soviet Union, is profound, and he misses no opportunity for making that point, as he did in these talks," Rostow added.

And Rostow dismissed the talk of a West German intermediary role as an attempt to split the Western alliance.

"I've talked recently with Chancellor Schmidt and I can assure you that no such idea could be further from Chancellor Schmidt's mind," the U.S. official said. "He is a loyal, tenacious ally of the United States, fully committed to NATO and to the positions which have been arrived at after consultations between the United States and its allies."

Indian arrested for predicting Gandhi's death

NEW DELHI, Dec. 22 (AFP) — Police have arrested a soothsayer, who has been predicting the death of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi either by an assassin's bullet or in a road accident this month.

Ram Avtar Shastri was arrested in Gorakhpur, central India, following the disclosure in parliament Monday that a soothsayer was going around newspaper offices predicting the impending death of the prime minister. Police did not say what specific charges would be lodged against him.

Parliament was told by a minister in Mrs. Gandhi's cabinet that the soothsayer had also predicted the death of Mrs. Gandhi's son, Rajiv. The soothsayer claimed in newspaper interviews that a midterm poll for parliament would be held in the middle of next year when Rajiv Gandhi would be defeated by the widow of Mrs. Gandhi's other son Sanjay.

The incident has brought into focus the role soothsayers and astrologers play in Indian politics. Every minister in Mrs. Gandhi's cabinet has his own soothsayer and many of them depend on them entirely on decisions like at what time they should leave the house, what dress they should wear and whether the day was good for taking important decisions.

Campaign mounted to keep Soweto murder rate down

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 22 (AFP) — South African police are mounting a massive campaign in a bid to keep the murder rate in the vast black dormitory town of Soweto below 1,000 this year.

Divisional police chief Gen. Mulder van Eyk revealed Monday that so far this year the figure stood at 942. Last weekend was one of the calmest for a long time: Only 16 killings, along with 19 serious assaults and 11 rapes reported, compared with 26 murders, 40 attacks and a score of rapes a fortnight before.

The current murder rate of three a day is 10 percent down from last year, when 1,210 deaths were recorded in total. But year-end holidays are known for even more violence than usual, and the police are trying to nip it in the bud by mounting road blocks and raids on illegal hotels.

Soweto, with its 1.5 million blacks, has always had an incredibly high crime rate, and the weekend "body count" given by the Witwatersrand police every Monday is taken for granted.

The causes are put down to the difficulty rural blacks have in adapting to an urban

environment — particularly one like Soweto — and organized crime. The blacks pour into the Johannesburg suburb to look for work.

Another factor is disputes between members of different tribes, which undeniably occur, even if their importance is grossly exaggerated by the South African authorities to "prove" the apartheid argument of unsurmountable ethnic differences between blacks as well as between blacks, whites and coloreds.

SOCM — the name for the Southwestern Township — has had a sinister reputation among South African whites ever since the violent racial disturbances there in 1976, and few go there willingly and without fear.

However, apart from such periods of tension, the place is far less menacing at night than some quarters of Johannesburg, where unemployed "townships" — the Zulu for thugs — roam the streets.

Experts predict that the electrification of the township, which began last year and should be completed by 1983, will bring a fall in the crime rate, both by illuminating the streets and allowing the population to receive the television services.

BRIEFS

NEW DELHI, (AP) — Gen. Om Prakash Malhotra, who retired earlier this year as chief of the Indian Army staff, has been named ambassador to Indonesia, the government announced Monday. Malhotra, 59, succeeds N.K. Bhutani. Malhotra's predecessor as army chief, the late Gen. T.N. Raina, also turned diplomat on his retirement.

STRASBOURG, France, (AFP) — Two Ghanaian women were arrested here last week on charges they were in possession of 10.5 kilos of marijuana as they arrived here from Accra via Amsterdam, police said Tuesday.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — A federal judge Monday postponed the Jan. 4 trial date for John W. Hinckley Jr., until an appellate court decides whether prosecutors cause evidence that the judge says was obtained illegally. U.S. District Judge Barrington D. Parker told attorneys of his decision at a hearing but did not schedule a new trial date for Hinckley on charges that he shot and wounded U.S. President Ronald Reagan and

three other men last March 30. ROME (AP) — Mehmet Ali Agca, the Turkish terrorist serving a life sentence for attempted murder of Pope John Paul II, has gone on a hunger strike in an apparent protest over the fact he was tried in Italy rather than in the Vatican, Italian television reported Monday. The National Rai network reported that Agca, 23, has refused food since Sunday.

NEW DELHI, (AP) — Two persons were killed in a shootout in the Indian capital Monday night involving rival feuding Sikh politicians. The dead were identified as Jathedar Santokh Singh, 54, leader in New Delhi of a militant Sikh political party, and Sohan Singh Sapdhu, who police said shot and killed Singh as he left a Sikh temple and then was shot dead by his victim's bodyguard.

MOSCOW, (AFP) — Pravda, the Soviet Communist Party daily, Tuesday accused the United States of planning a military intervention in El Salvador in direct defiance of United Nations decisions on the Central American country.

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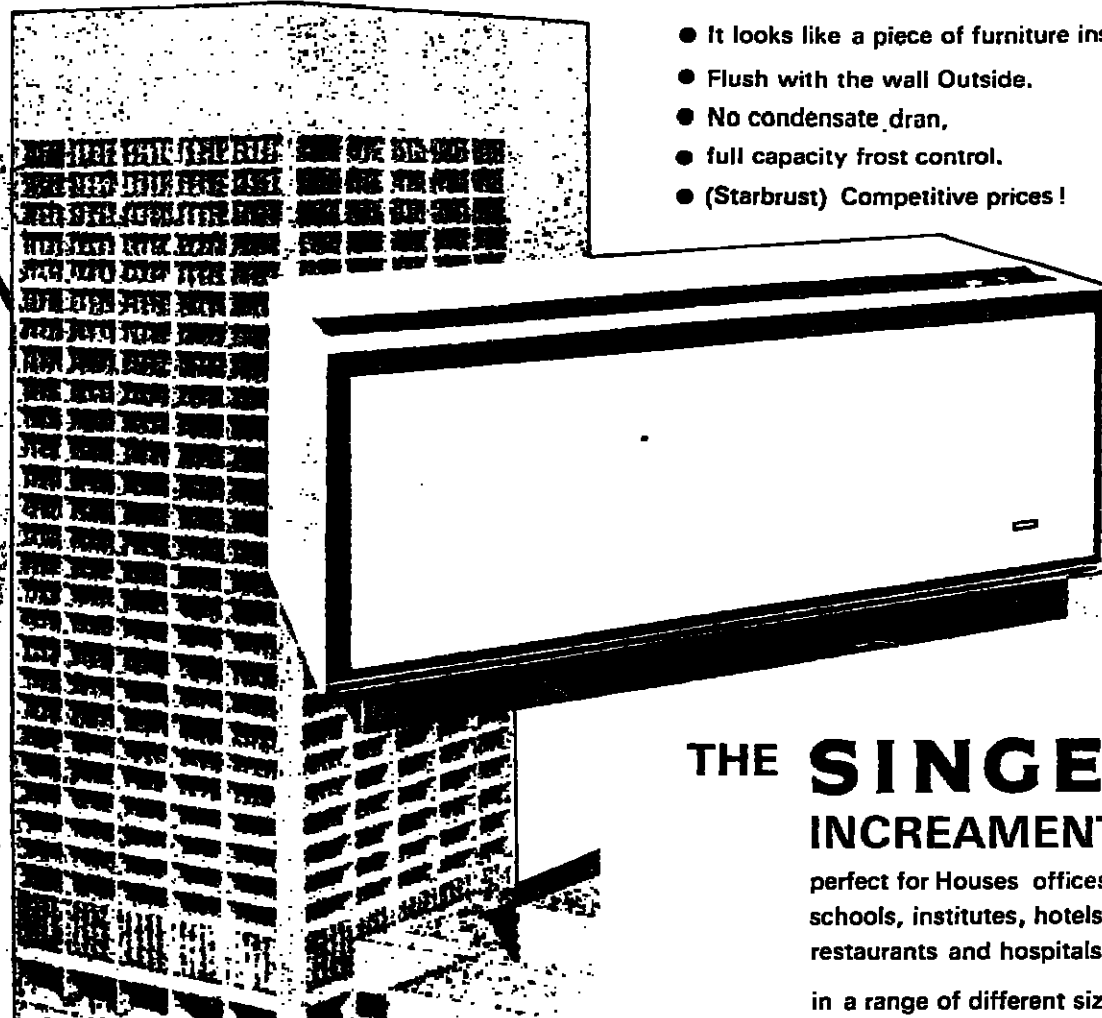
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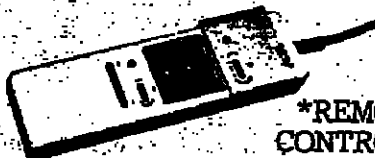
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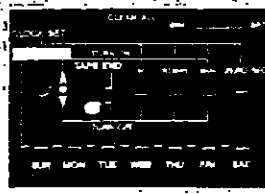
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OECD eyes upturn of British economy

PARIS, Dec. 22 (AFP) — Moderate upturn should start in Britain next year after a two-year recession, but the jobless rate could top 12 percent by mid-1983, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) said Tuesday.

British gross domestic product (GDP) will be down by 2 percent this year for a 4 percent loss since 1979, but should rise by 0.25 percent in 1982, climbing slowly to an annual rate of 2 percent by mid-1983, according to OECD's half-yearly "economic outlook."

Despite continued restrictive policies, consumer price inflation could remain "around 10 percent for a considerable time" before slowing to 8 percent in the first half of 1983, roughly half the 1980 rate of 16 percent. Britain's trade balance was projected to swing back into deficit next year because of "the deterioration in the terms of trade, the worsening real foreign trade balance and the projected moderate increase in North Sea Oil production from now on," the report said. The current account might move into deficit in 1983.

It could be running at an annual rate of \$1.5 billion in the first half of the year, a sharp turnaround from this year's expected surplus of \$14.25 billion, the report said. Exchange rate swings influenced the trade and payments picture, it said.

The jobless rate stood at 11.5 percent last month, up from 8.5 percent a year earlier, and could rise at a slower pace to 12.25 percent in 18 months' time, with 20.5 percent of British youth without a job against 15 percent a year ago. Because of the continued rise in unemployment, transfers to households could be "the only component of personal incomes to increase in real terms", the report said. Personal disposable income was likely to decline by 2.5 percent this year and a further 1.25 percent next year.

"Both private and public sector fixed

investment are expected to decline in 1981 and 1982 to be followed by a weak recovery in 1983," according to the report. Despite the expected moderate domestic demand up-trend, manufacturing output by mid-1983 could be 13 percent or so below the end-1979 level and almost 20 percent below the record peak of 1973.

OECD also said, Australia will be among the fastest-growing economies of the OECD in 1982, while growth could slacken somewhat in New Zealand.

The OECD set growth of Australia's gross domestic product (GDP) at 3.25 percent next year, up from 3 percent this year, while New Zealand's rate of expansion could fall off to 1.25 percent, in line with the OECD average, from the 1981 rate of 2.5 percent.

On Australia, the report said "flat" exports in non-rural sectors and continued import growth during part of 1981 could boost the current account deficit to around \$8.5 billion, roughly twice the 1980 figure, or nearly 5.5 percent of GDP. Given normal seasonal conditions, moderate growth of rural exports could resume next year, while non-rural sales other than coal "will continue to be limited by external market conditions in the immediate future but could strengthen appreciably... as world trade picks up" toward mid-1983.

With a somewhat slower import growth, the country's real foreign balance should contribute to expansion of GDP next year after a "markedly negative contribution in 1981."

The report noted that monetary conditions were expected to be tight in the current fiscal year and suggested a "weaker trend in purchasing power" next year, though private consumption should be in line with previous years. It also foresaw a deceleration of business investment and housing construction, and some acceleration of the underlying inflation rate, from 8.75 percent this year to 10.75 percent in 1982.



SOLAR POWER AIRCRAFT: The Solar Challenger, the world's only long-distance solar power aircraft, has been placed on display at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia Monday with a statue of Ben Franklin looking on the airplane, suspended from the ceiling in the museum's main hall. The Solar Challenger crossed the English Channel July 7 this year.

Mexico to hike gasoline price

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 22 (Agencies) — The price of regular gasoline in Mexico is being tripled, effective immediately, from 36 cents a gallon to \$1.08 a gallon, the state petroleum monopoly Pemex has announced.

The price of diesel fuel, low-lead or premium gasoline will go from a current level of about \$1.08 a gallon to nearly \$1.80 a gallon. The Pemex statement said the government will subsidize urban transportation. It was stated that despite the increases, Pemex's gasoline prices are still "substantially below"

prices in Europe and the United States.

The statement said Mexican gasoline consumption has been increasing by as much as 15 percent annually in recent years, too fast for the country's refining capacity. Pemex said the rise, the first in five years, was needed to help stop a waste of domestic energy.

Earlier, in another energy-saving move, officials said that new cars would have to become more fuel efficient and production of eight-cylinder models would cease by 1985.

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Gulf Oil signs contract to buy Kuwaiti crude

KUWAIT, Dec. 22 (R) — Gulf Oil Corporation of the United States has signed a contract to buy 35,000 barrels per day (BPD) of Kuwaiti crude oil from Jan. 1 but two other companies are seeking lower prices, informed Kuwaiti oil sources have said.

Gulf Oil, which was buying 50,000 BPD of Kuwaiti oil under a previous contract, would pay the new Kuwaiti price of \$32.30 a barrel set at an OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) meeting in Abu Dhabi this month, they said. Kuwait cut its price at the meeting by 70 cents a barrel as part of a round of price shaving designed to allow the

13-member exporter group to cope with a world oil glut.

The sources said, however, that the Royal Dutch/Shell Group and British Petroleum Company were still negotiating with Kuwait over new contracts and wanted a lower price. Kuwait's major customers have argued that its relatively heavy, high-sulphur crude is too expensive in relation to oils of similar grade.

The Gulf state had difficulty selling its oil at the previous price of \$33 a barrel. Production early this month dipped to perhaps below 800,000 BPD from an official ceiling of 1.25 million, Gulf Oil analysts said.

Libya, Iran slash oil prices

TEHRAN, Dec. 22 (Agencies) — Iran and Libya have cut their oil prices in line with the agreement earlier this month of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Libya has cut its prices by 50 U.S. cents for its top quality crude.

OPEC allowed Libya to cut its price from \$37.50 to \$37 a barrel for top grade crudes, in a round of price shaving to help exporters sell oil in a buyers' market. Libya's output plunged this summer to less than half its previous level of about 1.5 million barrels daily as a result of a world glut and its policy of charging above-average prices. It started 1981 charging \$41 a barrel.

Last month, EXXON Corporation of the United States, the world's biggest oil company, announced it was ceasing Libyan operations and President Reagan alleging Libyan

involvement in a plot to kill him, urged U.S. oilmen to leave the country.

But despite these blows, Libyan officials say their price cuts and tax relief on oil sold to companies which help pump Libyan oil boosted output back above one million barrels daily this month.

Iran Tuesday announced a price tag of \$32.30 a barrel for its heavy crude oil and \$34.20 for light crude. Oil Minister Muhammad Gharazi, who announced the prices in Tehran also said Iran was unable to use the Abadan refinery. It was sending some oil abroad to be refined and then brought back, he said. Before the war with Iraq damaged the installation, Abadan refined 600,000 barrels a day. He added that the oil ministry's budget showed a deficit because of the high number of employees and the inflated salaries of some personnel.

Oil will flow Jan. 1

Zimbabwe pipeline repositioned

SALISBURY, Dec. 22 (AFP) — Refined fuel is to begin flowing through the Mozambique-Zimbabwe pipeline Jan. 1, marking a milestone in this landlocked country's drive to reduce its dependence on South Africa for oil supplies.

A spokesman for the Zimbabwe Oil Procurement Consortium (ZOPCO) said Tuesday that the pipeline — left hanging under great stress when saboteurs blew up the bridge supporting it two months ago in Mozambique — had been repositioned and was now undergoing final pressure tests. The line has been placed in a trench in the bed of the Pungwe River where it will be better protected against any further attempts by Mozambican anti-government rebels to damage it, the spokesman said. Pumping was to begin Jan. 1, just a few days behind the original schedule.

The 288-km pipeline has been closed since 1965, when the white regime in then-Rhodesia declared itself independent of Britain and provoked international economic sanctions, including an oil blockade. Meanwhile, the oil refinery at Feruka, near Umtali at the pipeline's Zimbabwe terminus, has been converted into a large depot for the petrol (gasoline) and diesel oil to be moved through the line from the Mozambican port of Beira.

Government officials in Salisbury have said that once the line is operating at capacity, it will allow Zimbabwe to dispense with the "South African connection" on which the country has relied for a major part of its fuel for the past 16 years.

Zimbabwe has been in dire straits for petrol and diesel over the last six months, largely

JVC, EMI sign pact
TOKYO, Dec. 22 (AFP) — Victor Co. of Japan (JVC), Thorn EMI of Britain and Aeg-Telefunken of West Germany have signed agreements to set up a joint venture for the manufacture of video consumer products in Europe, JVC announced Tuesday.

The three companies will have equal shareholdings in the new company which will be based in the Netherlands and have subsidiaries in Britain and West Germany. The three parties have agreed to allow for possible later participation by Thomson-Brandt of France.

The new company will start making video products next year including VHS video cassette recorders, VHD video disc players and video cameras. The companies are seeking their respective governments' approval for the project and intend to notify the commission of the European Economic Community (EEC) JVC said.

due to difficulties in rail transport. In September, national reserves were nearly empty, and while there is now about two weeks' reserve on hand, blocks-long petrol queues have become a part of daily life for Salisbury residents.

The reopening of Feruka as a storage depot is part of an issue fraught with controversy. Last February, Prime Minister Robert Mugabe visited the refinery and angrily accused the CAPREF consortium of British, American and Kuwaiti companies that own it of doing nothing to get the plant back into operation. Since then, however, the companies have submitted a study illustrating the difficulties of recommissioning the refinery, and the government has decided to wait for the results of a World Bank overall energy report on Zimbabwe before deciding what to do with Feruka. The report is due next month.

The conversion of the refinery into a depot which leaves open its eventual use as a refinery again — was completed Nov. 20.

Austere budget adopted by Japan

TOKYO, Dec. 22 (AP) — The Japanese government Tuesday adopted an austere budget plan for fiscal 1982 that would hold spending for most programs to current levels.

However, there would be an increase in foreign aid programs. At a special cabinet meeting, the government approved a budget plan that will now go to various government agencies for review.

Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki said he hopes to submit the budget to parliament by January and complete debate by the time the new fiscal year starts in April. The budget mirrors government efforts to rebuild its deficit-riddled finances while spurring the faltering economy. It calls for a 6.2 percent increase in total spending over the current fiscal year, the smallest increase in 26 years. Spending in the general fund will increase only 1.8 percent.

Because of the sluggish economy, Suzuki has been trying to avoid an increase in corporate taxes. There will be no reduction in income taxes, despite opposition parties and labor groups seeking a cut to lessen the tax burden on the consumer. The government also plans to gradually reduce its borrowing to finance current programs.

The area most seriously affected by the government's belt-tightening will be public works — its budget will remain unchanged for the third consecutive year. For the past two years, Japan's construction industry has been sluggish.

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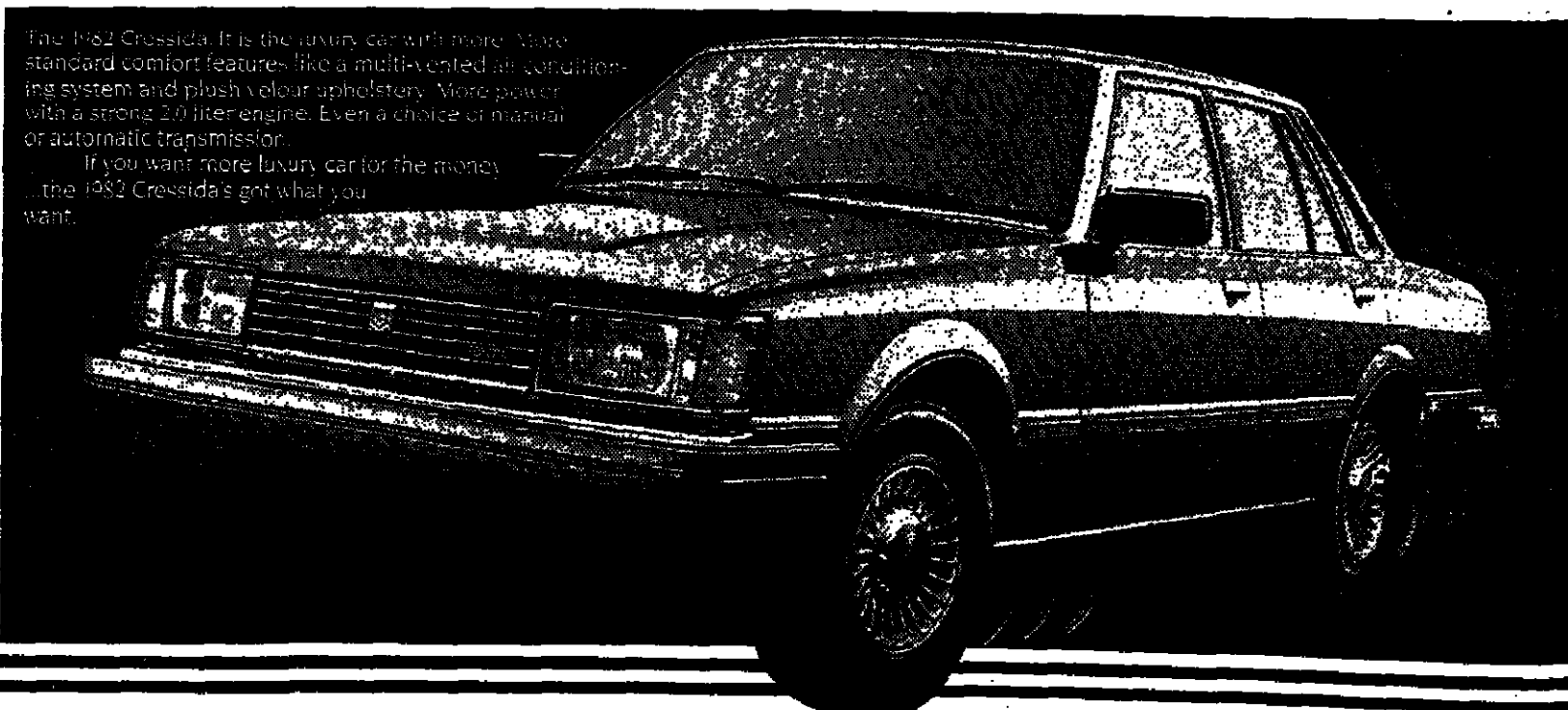
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Between Third World, EEC

Agreement reached on textile exports

GENEVA, Dec. 22 (R) — Textile negotiators Tuesday agreed on a new multi-fiber arrangement setting the framework for world trade in clothing and fibers for the next four years and seven months, a spokesman of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) told reporters. Details of the Multifiber Arrangement (MFA) were not immediately available.

The new six-page MFA was adopted at a meeting of GATT's 51-nation textiles committee after weeks of wrangling between Third World exporting countries and industrialized nations, especially the 10-nation European Economic Community (EEC). The new arrangement setting the rules for textile trade between developing country exporters and the industrialized states takes effect Jan. 1. It was preceded by two successive four-year arrangements, the latest of which expires at the end of this month.

Developing countries' spokesman Felipe Jaramillo told reporters that for practical

reasons the new pact would run for four years and seven months instead of five years as originally proposed. "It is better to finish in the summer," he said.

Even as the new arrangement was adopted, EEC representative Horst Krenzler told the committee that forthcoming negotiations between the community and individual countries to set limits for textile exports next year would be at least as important as the new MFA. The GATT spokesman quoted Krenzler as saying: "If it proves impossible to conclude satisfactory new bilateral agreements, we shall be unable to continue to participate in the MFA."

Krenzler added: "The community will examine the situation and reassess its position concerning the MFA in the early autumn of next year." Negotiators had spent weeks trying to bridge the gap between Third World textile producers and the EEC which is trying to shield its declining textile industry against growing competition from overseas.

World Bank sanctions \$340m loan to S. Korea

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (APF) — South Korea is to receive two loans from the World Bank totaling \$340 million, the bank announced here Monday.

It said one loan for \$250 million would be used for a program of structural adjustment to "keep the balance of payments manageable and for restoring the growth momentum of the economy". The bank said some of the money would be used to finance essential imports in a bank-assisted plan to cut energy-related imports, boost industrial efficiency and promote exports.

It said South Korea had already moved to make exchange rates more flexible, restrain pay increases and to cut domestic energy prices, and added that the loan would help the government reduce its intervention in the economy. The second loan, for \$90 million, will be used to improve water supplies to five growing regional centers serving 3.5 million persons.

More oil found in Suez Gulf

CAIRO, Dec. 22 (R) — Oil companies drilling in Egypt said Tuesday they have struck a new commercial field in the Gulf of Suez which industry sources said may boost Egyptian production by around 15 percent.

A group composed of Deminex of West Germany, British Petroleum and the Royal Dutch/Shell Group said three test wells in Zeit Bay in the Gulf of Suez proved commercial with one of them producing a substantial 6,000 barrels daily.

BRIEFS

CAIRO, (R) — The United States will sell Egypt 1.1 billion tons of wheat and wheat flour worth \$200 million at concessionary rates under its "food for peace" program, U.S. official said Tuesday. The deal is the largest single element in Washington's civilian aid package to Egypt, now running at over \$1 billion a year. Under an agreement signed here Monday Egypt will pay for the wheat over 40 years at an interest rate of under three percent.

TOKYO, (AFP) — Japanese tubular steel exports to the Soviet Union are likely to rise to one million tons in the year starting April 1, as compared to 700,000 tons in fiscal 1981, industry sources said. The Soviet Union has said it will take the extra tubing provided soft credit is granted by Japan. Under previous deals, interest has been eight percent compared with 9.25 percent set by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

OTTAWA, (AFP) — The Canadian government intends to sign a six-year fisheries agreement with the European Economic Community (EEC), coming into effect next month. The EEC can fish inside Canada's 200-mile zone, under the agreement, in return the community grants Canada better tariff conditions for its fish.

BONN, (AFP) — West German coal output rose by one million tons this year to 88.9 million tons. Consumption was down 1.3 million tons to 87 million tons, industry figures showed here. Reserves reached 21.7 million tons, up three million tons during the same period.

Iran considers closure of 'harmful' industries

BEIRUT, Dec. 22 (AP) — Iran's government spokesman said Tuesday the nation's economic ills will be "clarified" this spring and "harmful" industries will be closed down, the state-run Tehran radio reported.

Labor Minister and government spokesman Ahmad Tavakoli told local reporters in Tehran that Iran's industry depended 95 percent on imported spareparts and 75 percent on imported raw materials. "This does not correspond without design to have a healthy and correct industry," Tavakoli was quoted by Tehran radio as saying.

Ayatollah Khomeini's Iran has been suffering economic difficulties resulting from its ongoing war with Iraq and an economic boycott by Western industrial nations that followed the 1979 seizure of American hostages. "With the approval of the economic

council, the ministry of industry and mining is speedily studying plans to shut down harmful industries and expand necessary ones," said Tavakoli without elaborating.

"The government will in the near future, present a complete program in this connection (of closing down industries...) ... to parliament," the radio quoted the spokesman as saying. "We hope that by next spring, the situation of our economy will be cleared." Tavakoli said in reference to the problems Iran is facing in dealing with its economy.

He blamed frequent power failures in Tehran on fuel distribution problems, transport, and the lack of imported spareparts. He said with the construction of a power plant and the doubling of communication lines, these blackouts will end.

Gulf state bankers discuss recycling of petrodollars

KUWAIT, Dec. 22 (AP) — Governors of central banks and monetary institutions in seven Gulf states opened a two-day conference here Tuesday to discuss upgrading cooperation and coordination in monetary and financial fields. They were to explore ways of broadening their role in the recycling of their countries' surplus petrodollars.

The conference was attended by delegations from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman.

Addressing the opening session, the governor of Kuwait's Central Bank, Hamzah Abbas, said the meeting was aimed at "promoting cooperation and exchanging expertise between the seven states in the field of banking and finance." He underlined the "responsibility of Gulf central banks in guiding and directing the banking profession in

the region, as well as assisting commercial banks in carrying out their role in serving the economic development process." This also applies to efforts by the central banks to help recycle the surplus funds of the oil-producing countries of the region.

Abbas obviously was reacting to remarks by Gulf officials and economists that Arab oil states allegedly resorting to financial institutions in the West to invest their surplus petrodollars. These economists also had complained of alleged deficiencies in local banking and financial institutions.

According to available figures here, Saudi Arabia along with Kuwait, the U.A.E. and Iraq account for more than 80 percent of the surplus petrodollars of the OPEC member states. The total OPEC surplus was reported to have reached \$110 billion in 1980.

Pakistan gets \$105m ADB loans

MANILA, Dec. 22 (AP) — The Asian Development Bank Tuesday approved two loans totaling \$105 million to Pakistan and a single loan of \$20.6 million to Malaysia, ADB announced.

It said one of the loans to Pakistan, for \$55 million, is to be used in developing the Pirkoh gas field in central Pakistan. The other loan, for \$50 million, is to be given to Pakistan's National Development Finance Corporation which will re-lend the money to finance the foreign exchange costs of industrial projects.

Honda-Peugeot firm to make mopeds

TOKYO, Dec. 22 (AFP) — Honda Motor Co. of Japan Tuesday announced an agreement with Cycles Peugeot of France, a bicycle and moped firm, on joint development and production of mopeds and lightweight

period of 20 years and has a repayment rate of 10.10 percent per annum while the second loan is to be repaid in 40 years with an annual service charge of one percent, ADB said.

The loan to Malaysia is to be used for fisheries development projects in Sabah and Sarawak, ADB said. The loan is for a period of 20 years at an interest rate of 10.10 percent per annum.

Peugeot will produce 35,000 two-stroke engines and transmissions designed by Honda, for use in mopeds to be assembled at the Japanese company's plant in Belgium, starting October next year.

Tin producers to seek price rise

LONDON, Dec. 22 (AFP) — Tin producer and consumer nations are heading for a clash on prices in mid-January when the tin council meets in London, market sources said here Tuesday.

Malaysia, Bolivia and other producer nations were planning a claim for a 15 percent increase in the guaranteed rates. They were expected to argue that their increased production costs have not been offset by the 6.85 percent rise in the guarantee price decided by the tin council last October.

However, according to the sources, the industrialized consumer countries intend to oppose the claim firmly. They are likely to assert that the producers are intervening on the market to keep rates up artificially at a time of abundant supplies. The consumers would say that a price increase is unjustified in the current recession and that "market manipulation" by producers is only making things worse by inhibiting buyers, the sources said.

Dollar drifts lower on dull markets

LONDON, Dec. 22 (AP) — Gold prices fell in early trading Tuesday while the dollar drifted lower on dull markets ahead of the holiday break.

Gold opened in London and Zurich at \$403.50 an ounce, down from \$408.125 in London at the close Monday and \$412.50 in Zurich. Prices continued weak in later deals at around \$403.75 an ounce. Dealers cited lack of fresh influential news from Poland and the approaching holidays.

In London, the dollar eased against the British pound, which cost \$1.8860 in early deals compared with \$1.8785 late Monday.

In Tokyo, where trading ends before it begins in Europe, the U.S. currency closed at 219.95 yen, down from 220.15 Monday.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

	London	402.25
	Paris	407.31
	Frankfurt	405.00
	Zurich	401.50
	Hong Kong	408.16

London commodities

	Tuesday	Monday
Gold (\$ per ounce)	425.00	404.25
Silver cash (pence per ounce)	435.50	450.75
3 months	452.50	468.25
Copper cash	865.50	855.25
3 months	882.50	881.50
Tin cash	8355.00	8353.00
3 months	8100.00	8085.00
Lead cash	361.00	360.50
3 months	374.00	373.50
Zinc cash	467.50	460.50
3 months	472.50	466.50
Aluminum cash	600.25	604.50
3 months	623.50	628.75
Nickel cash	2955.00	2967.50
3 months	2972.50	2987.50
Sugar January	182.35	175.80
March	183.15	180.95
Coffee January	1141.00	1130.00
March	1129.00	1120.00
Cocoa December	1122.00	1149.00
March	1125.00	1136.00

Note: Prices in pounds per metric ton. The above prices are provided by Saudi Research & Investment Ltd., P.O. Box 6474, Tel: 6653908, Jeddah.

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	Quoted at 6:00 P.M. Tuesday	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	SAMA 9.00	9.08
Bangladesh Taka	—	15.05
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	86.10
Canadian Dollar	—	289.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	151.00	150.05
Dutch Guilder (100)	137.50	137.15
Egyptian Pound	3.60	4.03
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.00	93.15
French Franc (100)	60.00	59.40
Greek Drachma (1,000)	55.00	59.55
Indian Rupee (100)	—	37.35
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	6.50	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	28.80	28.20
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	15.60
Jordanian Dinar	10.15	10.08
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.15	12.13
Lebanese Lira (100)	74.00	73.75
Moroccan Dirham (100)	60.50	64.60
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	34.68
Philippines Peso (100)	—	42.50
Pound Sterling	6.50	6.43
Qatari Riyal (100)	94.00	94.05
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	165.95
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	35.05
Swiss Franc (100)	188.25	187.95
Syrian Lira (100)	58.30	63.50
Turkish Lira (1,000)	3.429	3.42
U.S. Dollar	75.00	74.90
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	—

The above cash and transfer rates are supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for Currency Exchange & Commerce, Gabel St., Tel. 6420932, Jeddah.

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Khamis Mushair Municipality	Four and seven millimeter asphalt layer for some streets	—	20	18-12-1981
" " "	Enlarging the mayor's office	—	20	1-2-1982
" " "	Temporary fences for public utilities and graveyards	—	20	18-12-82

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Vilas drawn in tough group

MELBOURNE, Dec. 22 (AFP) — Top-seeded Argentine Guillermo Vilas has received an extremely tough draw in his attempt to win the \$400,000 Australian Open Tennis Championship for the third time.

Vilas has American Roscoe Tanner, seeded third, in his same half and will have to beat the former Australian Open champion to win this event, the fourth of the four Grand Slam events and the last Grand Prix tournament before the Masters.

Vilas has been to the finals three times winning in 1978 and 1979 and runner-up in January 1977. Tanner was the competitor who beat Vilas in that final. Tanner, after a surprise third round loss in the New South Wales Open in Sydney last week, has settled down. To play in the New South Wales Open he made a 24-hour trip from the United States and was playing six hours later on the White City courts.

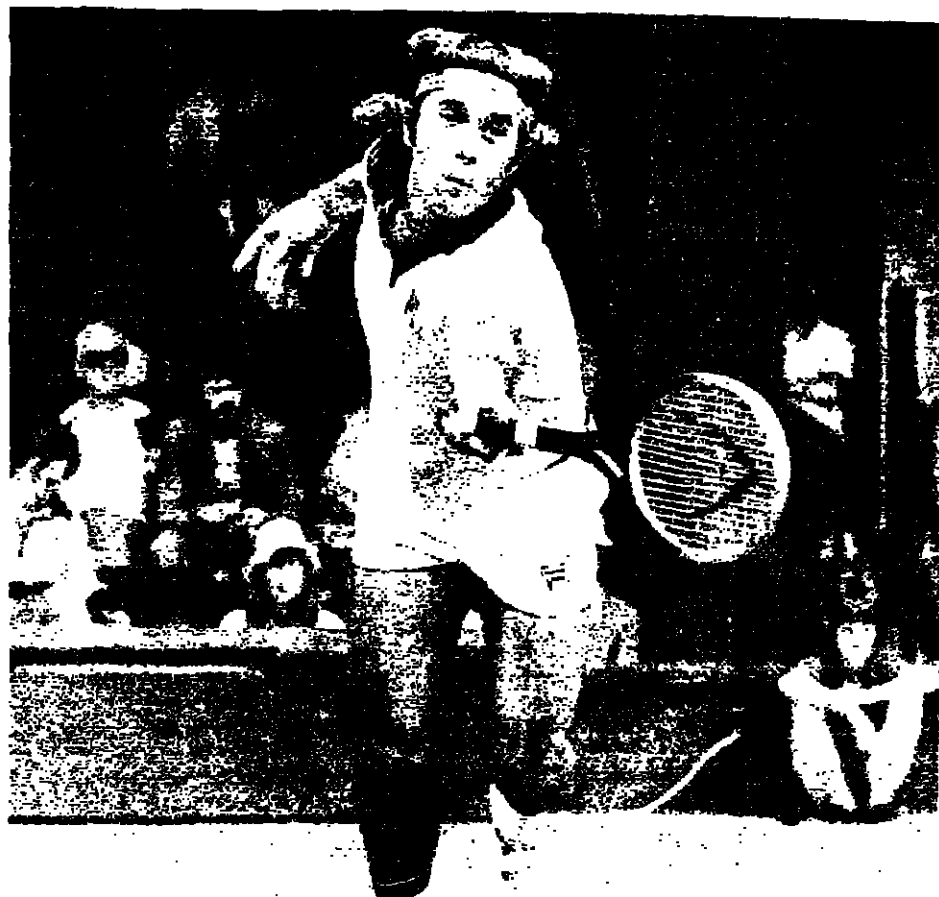
The American had to play two matches in one day and was beaten by Australia's Chris Johnstone. Since then, Tanner has been practicing up to four hours a day and he will be far better suited to the faster grass courts at Kooyong, compared to White City. This was so evident when he beat Vilas in straight sets four years ago.

Vilas should progress to the last 16, but there waiting is the power serving of the American Hank Pfister. Vilas does not have a big serve for grass court tennis, despite winning two Australian Opens. The veteran Argentine relies more on his great array of ground strokes and marvelous stamina to suppress his opponents in the searing heat of an Australian summer.

Tanner's main problem for a show-down with Vilas in a semifinal is a possible match against fellow-American Fritz Buehning (7). However, Buehning is suspect with an ankle injury and it would not be a surprise if he does not last the distance.

Australia's Peter McNamara (2), in the bottom half of the draw, has a far more favorable passage through to the final. He went to the semifinals here last year. McNamara's main challenge may come in the quarter finals where former champion, Mark Edmondson (6), poses a real threat. But Edmondson, winner here in 1976 over the great John Newcombe, faces another power serving opponent, possibly American John Sadri in the last 16. American Tim Mayotte (8), a surprise quarterfinalist at Wimbledon this year, looms as a possible semifinalist against McNamara.

The top eight seedings for the Australian Open are: (1) G. Vilas, (2) P. McNamara, (3) R. Tanner, (4) J. Kriek, (5) K. Warwick, (6) M. Edmondson, (7) F. Buehning, (8) T. Mayotte.



Guillermo Vilas, tough task ahead

Haynes, Bacchus in big stand

ALBANY, Australia Dec. 22 (AP) — Calypso style cricket at its best came to Albany on the south coast of Western Australia Tuesday as spectacular batting by West Indian openers Desmond Haynes and Faoud Bacchus paved the way for a runaway victory over the West Australian country eleven.

Haynes and Bacchus both retired in the 90's and the West Indies reached 290 off their 50 overs.

The country side struggled against the front line West Indian attack before part-time slow bowlers Haynes and Gus Logie enabled the country batsmen to score freely in a picnic atmosphere late in the day.

Eventually the country side was dismissed for 184 off 48 overs, giving the West Indies victory by 106 runs. Haynes and Bacchus scored at the rate of a run a ball against a persistent but far from venomous medium pace attack.

After Haynes and Bacchus retired at the lunch interval after scoring 188 runs in only 110 minutes acting captain Larry Gomes and David Murray continued the onslaught. Haynes, who had "lives" at 20 and 59, hit three sixes and 10 fours in scoring 94 off 91 deliveries.

Bacchus, who hit four sixes and four fours, finished with 91 off 92 balls. He showed that he would be a worthy replacement for the injured Gordon Greenidge in the first Test against Australia, starting in Melbourne on Saturday.

The left-handed Gomes, in charge of the side in the absence of captain Clive Lloyd (who was seen in the unfamiliar role of 12th

man) and vice-captain Viv Richards, didn't hit the ball with the same savage power as the openers. But he was most impressive in scoring 55 in 62 minutes before throwing his wicket away in the second last over of the innings.

David Murray, who has recovered from a bruised finger that kept him out of action in the one-day matches in Perth at the weekend, warmed up for the Test in scoring 36 off 46 deliveries. Gus Logie and Jeff Dujon had no opportunity to press their claims for inclusion in the Test team. Logie faced only one delivery and Dujon only nine balls as they both came in with less than two overs remaining.

Colin Croft, anxious for selection in the first Test team, bowled most impressively at top pace. He and Joel Garner gave the country batsmen a torrid time.

Spinner Harold Joseph completely bewildered the batsmen with his unorthodox bowling and was rewarded with 3-32 off his 10 overs. Logie and Haynes tempted the batsmen with their innocuous slow bowling, but Logie was still able to pick up four wickets and Haynes two.

The best of the country batsmen was left-phander Lindsay Scott, who hit nine fours and one six in scoring 62 in 90 minutes before being caught in the deep. Late in the day Greg Willey hammered four fours and two sixes in scoring a breezy 39.

Brief scores: West Indians 290 for 4 wickets in 50 overs (D. Haynes 94 ret., F. Bacchus 91 ret., L. Gomes 55, D. Murray 36, Bird 2 for 59) beat West Australian XI 184 (K. Gray 24, L. Scott 62, G. Willey 39, Joseph 3 for 32, Logie 4 for 61, Haynes 2 for 43).

Indian Board replaces umpire for Delhi Test

NEW DELHI, Dec. 22 (AFP) — In an unprecedented action, the Indian Cricket Control Board Tuesday changed one of the two umpires for the third cricket Test between India and England beginning here Wednesday after the manager of the touring team lodged a formal protest against him.

Highly-placed sources said Mohammed Ghose has been replaced by Swarup Kishan after Raman Subba Row lodged a protest, referring to specific cases of "bad decisions" during the tourists match against South Zone. The three-day match in Hyderabad ended in a draw. Now the Delhi Test, third in the six-Test series, will be umpired by Swarup Kishan and Hanumantha Rao.

Ghose, 50, was not available for comment. He began his Test umpiring career during the 1976 New Zealand tour of India. He was chosen to umpire the following year

when England toured India. During the 1979-Test series against Pakistan, Ghose was called to do duty again.

In a statement read out to the press, Row said he had been informed by the Indian Board that the Swarup Kishan and Hanumantha Rao would be the umpires. "In accordance with the regulations regarding appointment of Test umpires, we lodged an objection with the Indian Board last week. Whereas in Bombay (Test) no specific instances were given, in this case (Hyderabad) several instances were provided and have been reviewed by the relevant committee. We have been advised by the Indian Board that they have decided that the umpires for the Delhi Test should be Kishan and Rao," the statement said.

Indian Cricket Control Board officials were not available for comment. Meanwhile,

the Indian newspapers prominently carried the news of Row's formal protest. The Indian Board's decision has brought into sharp focus the controversy that has been raging since the arrival of the England team here early December.

After the tourists were defeated by the Indians in the first Test, British journalists criticized Indian umpiring in severe terms. The Indian newspapers also retaliated. "By creating this unwarranted bogey a bout umpiring, pitch and so-called hostile behavior of the crowd, the Englishmen have only succeeded in getting the epithet 'poor losers' — a cricket writer wrote in a New Delhi newspaper.

"We are not defending Indian umpiring against all comers. But it is well to remember that English umpiring, like English cricket, is overrated," wrote another.

Willis to strengthen England attack

NEW DELHI, Dec. 22 (AFP) — After their scintillating victory over England in the one-day international on Sunday, India appear confident and relaxed to take on the tourists in the third of the six-Test series beginning here Wednesday.

India is one-up in the series having won the first Test in Bombay and drawn the Bangalore Test. "It is a very crucial match for us, we need to play better and positive cricket, we should get more runs and get them quickly," English captain Keith Fletcher told newsmen.

Fletcher said he had instructed his batsmen, particularly 41-year-old Yorkshireman Geoffrey Boycott, to play "positive and quick cricket." "I am sure we will do better," he said. England have made only one change in the team for Wednesday's match. Graham Dilley has been replaced by right-arm fast bowler and vice-captain Bob Willis.

The 37-year-old English captain said he did not include right-hand off-break bowler John Emburey primarily because the thrust of the English attack will be pace and Underwood was doing fine.

Fletcher said all his fast bowlers succeeded in swinging the ball "an awful lot" during the practice session this morning. "I am sure Lever will give lots of trouble to the Indians," he said. The Indian team practiced on

another ground and all of them looked fit. Skipper Sunil Gavaskar said he had fully recovered from his strained thigh muscle.

"I am confident our boys will do well," he said. Indian batting and pace attack have never looked so good with Gavaskar and one-down batsman Dilip Vengsarkar getting back their form and all-rounder Kapil Dev consistently showing his brilliance with both bat and ball. It is to be seen if India's Test-scared "Little Master" G.R. Vishwanath gets back his form. The Delhi Test is also crucial for Sandeep Patil who has yet to prove his worth in this series.

On the bowling side, India appear perfectly balanced with Kapil Dev and Madanlal handing the new ball. Beside spinners Dilip Doshi and Ravi Shastri, Indian skipper may include right-arm off spinner Shival Yadav in the final eleven. In that case all-rounder Kirti Azad is likely to be dropped.

For Fletcher, the tour turned sour after the

Bombay Test. India won the first Test in Bombay by a big margin of 138 runs in a low scoring match. Since then Fletcher's men have yet to win a match. They drew with South and North Zones and lost the second one-day international. In contrast they had won all the four of the five preliminary matches including the first international before the Bombay Test.

Teams:

England: Geoffrey Boycott, Graham Gooch, Chris Tavare, David Gower, Keith Fletcher, Ian Botham, Michael Gattling, Bob Taylor, John Lever, Derek Underwood and Bob Willis.

India: Sunil Gavaskar, K. Srikkanth, Dilip Vengsarkar, G.R. Vishwanath, Kapil Dev, Sim. H. Kirmani, Sandeep Patil, Ravi Shastri, Dilip Doshi, S. Madanlal, Kirti Azad and Shival Yadav.

Ray Bright back in Aussie squad

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 22 (AP) — The Australian cricket selectors once again showed their reluctance to take a chance when they picked the team for the first Test against the West Indies, starting at the Melbourne Cricket ground on Saturday.

Despite the urgings of the media and former players to introduce some variety and possibly a new face or two into the side, the selectors stuck with the 12 thrashed by Pakistan in the third Test on the same ground last week.

They added Victorian left-arm orthodox spinner Ray Bright to make up a 13-man squad, but ignored the claims of the NSW trio, opening batsman Rick McCosker, spinner Robert Holland and all-rounder Graeme Beard.

Form in the NSW-Victoria Sheffield Shield match which finished on Tuesday wasn't used as a guide, because both Holland and Beard were far more effective, on a wicket which gave them assistance, than Bright. Beard clean-bowled his four second innings victims, while Holland captured seven wickets for the match.

Bright took only two wickets during the game and rarely troubled the batsmen as NSW coasted to outright victory.

Holland has been the form spinner in Sheffield cricket this season and his age, 34, shouldn't have counted against him. Test off-spinner Bruce Yardley is also 34. Beard must be overture for a Test berth, particularly as the Australian side is desperately short of an all-rounder. He is the most versatile cricketer in Australia, and his nigglingly accurate medium pace, as well as his right-arm spinners, would have been handy on the controversial MCG strip.

McCosker noticed his fifth interstate century of the season in the second innings against Victoria on Tuesday to complete an amazing double. He scored an unbeaten century in both innings and despite his 35 year, has never batted better.

The Australian team is: Greg Chappell (captain), Kim Hughes (vice-captain), Bruce Laird, Graeme Wood, Allan Border, Dirk Wellham, Rod Marsh, Dennis Lillee, Jeff Thomson, Geoff Lawson, Terry Alderman, Bruce Yardley, Ray Bright.

Russian lifter excels

MOSCOW, Dec. 22 (R) — Soviet Weightlifter Adam Saidullayev set three world records in the mid-heavyweight class (90kg) at a tournament in Donetsk Monday night.

Saidullayev, 25, lifted 186 kilos in the snatch to beat by half a kilo the previous best snatch recorded by Bulgaria's Blagov Blagoev and 227.5 kg in the jerk, beating by 2.5 kilo the record of compatriot Gennady Besonov. His total lift on 412.5 kg improved by 7.5 kg the old mark set by another Soviet lifter, Yuri Zakharovich.

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In Kuala Lumpur

Kiwi-China tie set for Jan. 9

ZURICH, Dec. 22 (AFP) — The China-New Zealand playoff match for the second qualifying place from the Asia-Oceania qualifying group for the 1982 World Football Cup finals will be in Kuala Lumpur on Saturday, Jan. 9, 1982, the International Football Association (FIFA) announced here Tuesday.

If the two teams are level after regulation time, extra-time will be played with penalty shots if necessary. Five countries — Malaysia, Hong Kong, Thailand, Singapore and Spain — were proposed as sites for the match.

If New Zealand wins the match it will secure a coveted place in the World Cup finals in Spain next year, a possibility which has set football ablaze in a country where it normally raises little more than a flicker of interest. Victory over China would set New Zealand football up for another year of unprecedented exposure in a country where it is already making inroads into the Rugby Union following.

Defeat, on the other hand, would be a massive anti-climax after a string of unexpected successes have placed New Zealand just 90 minutes from glory. Before the World Cup qualifying campaign began, not even the most optimistic of the local fans could have dreamed of what was to come. Their national

team has performed a succession of giant-killing acts which culminated in a remarkable 5-0 victory over Saudi Arabia in Riyadh last Saturday.

That result earned the New Zealanders the right to challenge China for the 24th World Cup berth. The eyes of most of their three million countrymen will be riveted on the action when the players, who have become household names in just a matter of weeks, take the field against the skillful Chinese.

The International Football Association (FIFA) announced the site of the match after China had rejected New Zealand's initial suggestion of Sydney, and New Zealand, in turn, turned down Tokyo and voiced objections against Kuala Lumpur, the site eventually chosen.

Many New Zealanders, including the team manager, John Adshead, a confident Englishman who has led the national side with stunning success for three seasons, believe their team can win. In the two World Cup qualifying games between the countries so far, China has not been able to score a goal, with New Zealand coming away from Peking with a scoreless draw and then winning 1-0 in the return match in Auckland.

The players, who have given New Zealand

soccer its greatest moment, are a blend of British immigrants and locals, and a cross-section of youth and experience. Their greatest asset is the dedication and team spirit which stems from being the underdog. They have no illusions about their chances in Spain if they do qualify, but just to get there and have their moment in the big time would be satisfaction enough.

A special favorite of the New Zealand crowd is striker Grant Turner, 23, of the Gisborne City Club. He is a confident young man whose aggressiveness led to his suspension for the Saudi Arabian match. An outstanding midfielder is a clubmate of Turner's, 26-year-old Keith McKay.

New Zealand has experience at the back, where Adrian Elrick of North Shore United, 32, and Bobby Almond of Christchurch United, 30, line up with 23-year-old Allan Booth of the Woolston Club.

There is youth in the team as well in the form of the Mount Wellington center-back Ricki Herbert, 20, and Wynton Rufer, an 18-year-old forward, who is just out of school and who signed with the English Second Division side, Norwich City a couple of months ago. Three or four of the other New Zealanders have also played league football in England but none became well-known.

As Coe, Ovett blaze new athletes get a boost

PARIS, Dec. 22 (AFP) — Athletics, boosted by the fabulous exploits of British milers Sebastian Coe and Steve Ovett this year, moved cautiously toward legalizing their case when the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) accepted a package of proposals at its 1981 Rome Congress in September.

The relaxation of its amateur eligibility rules will allow athletes to advertise but, as yet their agents must work through the national governing bodies and the money will go to a trust fund for the benefit of athletes.

The sports administrators also agreed to liberalize the rules on assistance. These were extended to include accommodation, food, transport, education and professional training. This could allow a large corporation to make a cash grant to pay rent, buy a car, attend college.

This has been in operation in some countries for a number of years so the move was really only tying up loose ends. However, the decision was that once the curriculum of the international meetings on the European circuit are brought under IAAF control the competitors may legitimately take home the cash prizes they are widely assumed to be picking up indirectly.

The International Olympic Committee's decision, at its Baden-Baden Congress, to accept revised amateur rules drawn up by the International Sports Federation allows for greater scope and next year's Athens Congress should pave the way for greater freedom.

Athletics authorities not only want to compensate athletes whose professional careers are disrupted but they want to protect the sport from falling into the hands of agents and big business.

Coe and Ovett dominated 1981 with Coe just getting the edge over his great rival in their race against the clock. Unfortunately for track fans they did not run against each other. Between them they lowered the mile record three times and Coe also broke his 800 meters and 1,000 meters world marks.

It all started with a freak win for American Tom Byers in Oslo on June 26. Ovett, running against his 3:31.36 record for the 1,500 meters, was given the wrong split times and he left his attempt to catch Byers, in this particular race, too late. The long-haired American held on to win in 3:39.01 to Ovett's 3:39.53.

Coe's first attempt on the 1,500 meters record ended in narrow failure at Stockholm on July 7 when, without intermediate times and a pacemaker, who went off too fast, he ran 3:31.95. It was, however, the third fastest ever and a personal record. His previous best was his 1979 world record of 3:32.1.

Not to be outdone, Ovett clocked exactly the same time the next day in Milan, Italy. Two days later Coe broke his 1,000 meters record in Oslo with a 2 min 12.18 sec effort and, on the same Bislett track, Ovett responded by winning what former Olympic champion and World record holder John Walker of New Zealand described as the greatest mile race of all time.

Australian yachts to the fore

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 22 (AP) — The Australian yachting team which performed so poorly in the Admirals' Cup this year made a determined bid to rehabilitate itself in the Southern Cross Cup on Tuesday.

The Southern Cross Cup is Australia's equivalent of the admirals' Cup and for the first time an Australian national team is competing. The team is the same which finished eighth in the Admirals' Cup — *Hitchhiker*, *Apollo V* and *Ragamuffin*.

The Australian team outsailed the opposition to top score in the third race of the Southern Cross Cup on Tuesday, a 180 nautical mile ocean race which finished late in the afternoon.

From fourth in teams' standings, the Australian team now looks certain to lead the points score going into the final race of the series, the Hitachi, Sydney to Hobart race starting on Saturday.

Hitchhiker, owned by Perth millionaire Peter Briggs and skippered by Noel Roberts, is provisional winner of the race although only one-third of the yachts had finished at 2000 AEDT on Tuesday.

Provisional placings of the first ten yachts which seem unlikely to change, place *Hitchhiker* first from the British yacht *Yeoman*.

French skier wins

ST. GERVAIS, France, Dec. 22 (AFP) — Another French triumph shook the Alpine Skiing World Tuesday when a second little known French woman skier came through to take the Giant Slalom here from under the nose of the World Cup leaders.

The French World Cup renaissance — after ten years of stagnation — began with the unexpected win by France's Marie Cecile Gros-Gaudenier in the downhill at Saalbach, Austria on Dec. 18.

Tuesday, Elizabeth Chaud, whose previous best result on the discipline was an eighth place at Wangs Bzöl last March deprived West German Irene Epple, bidding to retake the World Cup lead, of a third victory by 30 hundredths of a second.

Switzerland's Erika Hess, winner of the Special Slalom here Monday and World Cup leader, held her overall lead over Epple Tuesday with an all out effort in the second leg in which she set fastest time just two hundredths up on Chaud. Hess now leads the standings by 148 points to the West German's 139.

Epple had looked in an almost invincible position after the first-leg with a lead of more than a second. In the faster second leg Epple could only place seventh and lost her supremacy.

Chaud and Gros-Gaudenier have now revitalized the French team at the moment when its two stars Perrine Pelen and Fabienne Serrat have been failing to make their mark.

Oliveira injured

CAMPINAS, Brazil, Dec. 22 (AP) — World triple-jump record holder Joao Carlos de Oliveira of Brazil was seriously injured here early Tuesday in a car accident that doctors say will end his athletic career if he survives.

Joao of the jump, as Oliveira is known, suffered a skull fracture, two exposed fractures in his right leg and a broken jaw, according to Dr. Nubor Facure at the Irmaos Pen-teado Hospital here. 55 miles (90 km) from Sao Paulo. Oliveira remained in coma after surgery Tuesday and Facure described his condition as "very critical."

Oliveira set the world record for the hop, step and jump in 1975 in Mexico with 59 feet 0.4 inches (17.89 meters). He won the gold medal for the same event in the World Athletic Championships in Rome earlier this year, and he was one of Brazil's best hopes for gold in the upcoming Los Angeles Olympics.

Hospital officials said a car fleeing police at 75 miles per hour (120 kph) and traveling the wrong way on a freeway collided with the car in which Oliveira was riding.

Poland beaten

LAHORE, Pakistan, Dec. 22 (AP) — Pakistan defeated the visiting Polish hockey team 7-4 in the first of the four matches the Poles are scheduled to play in Pakistan. By half-time, the home team had scored four goals against one by the Polish team.

England's V

Ted Croker

LONDON, Dec. 22 (AFP) — English Secretary of State for Wales and Scotland, A. Secretary Ted Croker Monday night laid out at Neil MacFarlane, the Minister of Sport, over his "staggering and irresponsible" marks regarding England's World Cup mascot.

"Building Bobby" will bring the more than one million pounds (about \$2 million) worth of contracts to build up to next summer's finals, but MacFarlane believes the "financ" animal increase the danger of "Brit-bash" Spain.

Croker, however, insisted: "There is no question of us changing our mascot and the minister for sport had bothered to tell us before making comments I have told him just that."

Croker added: "I am not sure what minister's responsibilities lie, but to say these statements without having any consultation with us is staggering. It could be very damaging commercially, and I think the minister is very well informed. Apparently he has suggested using a Bull as mascot more gentle than a bull."

The F.A. secretary went on to say Bobby was named after Bobby Charlton, Bob Charlton. They are two completely different people in British football. Overall, the mascot has been well received. One newspaper has said:

Pakistan pulls out from Davis Cup

KARACHI, Pakistan, Dec. 22 (AP) — Pakistan has withdrawn from Davis Cup competition because of Taiwanese participation, Muneer Ahmad, President of the Pakistan Lawn Tennis Association, said Tuesday.

Pakistan was scheduled to play Taiwan on Jan. 4, its first match in the Davis Cup tournament. The International Tennis Federation has been informed of Pakistan's decision not to play Taiwan and its withdrawal from the tournament, Ahmad said.

Meanwhile, it was reported in London that tennis in Britain took a positive step toward a much brighter future when the Lawn Tennis Association completely remodelled itself at the annual meeting recently.

Burkinshaw

LONDON, Dec. 22 (AP) — Tottenham Hotspur soccer manager Keith Burkinshaw this week called on the soccer authorities to postpone the English season Burkinshaw advocating a mid-winter break to minimize the chances of the weather affecting the heavy snow.

More than 150 English and Scottish matches have been postponed over the last two weeks. Last weekend only one game was played. The proposal is for a heavily affected season to force another week and with that extra scheduled for January and March in the League and F.A. Cup both could fall behind schedule.

"It is about time we talked about reorganizing our schedule," said Burkinshaw. "No one wants to get down to it every year we have these problems. We're mucking about with undersoil heating and artificial pitches but they're not the answer. If the



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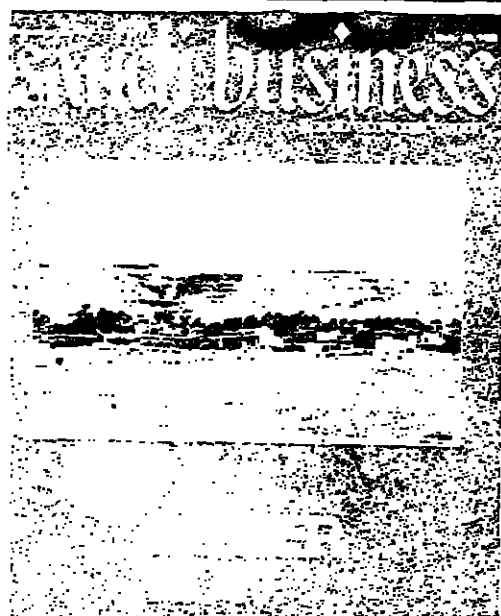


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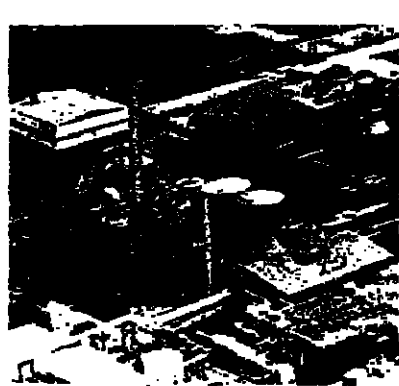


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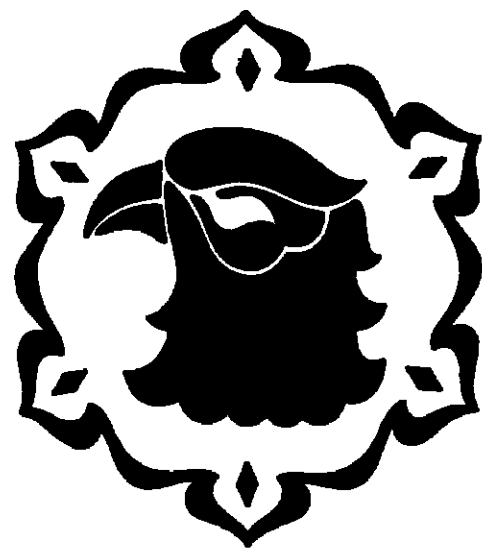
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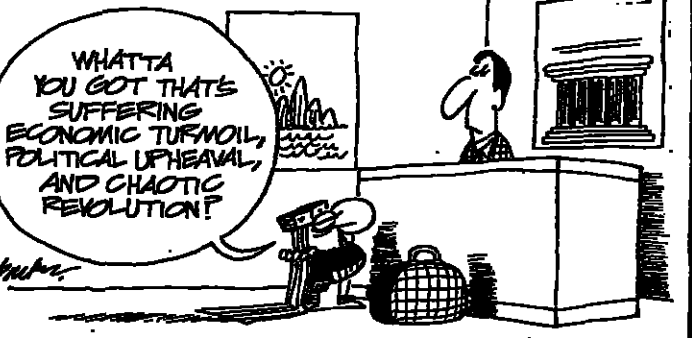
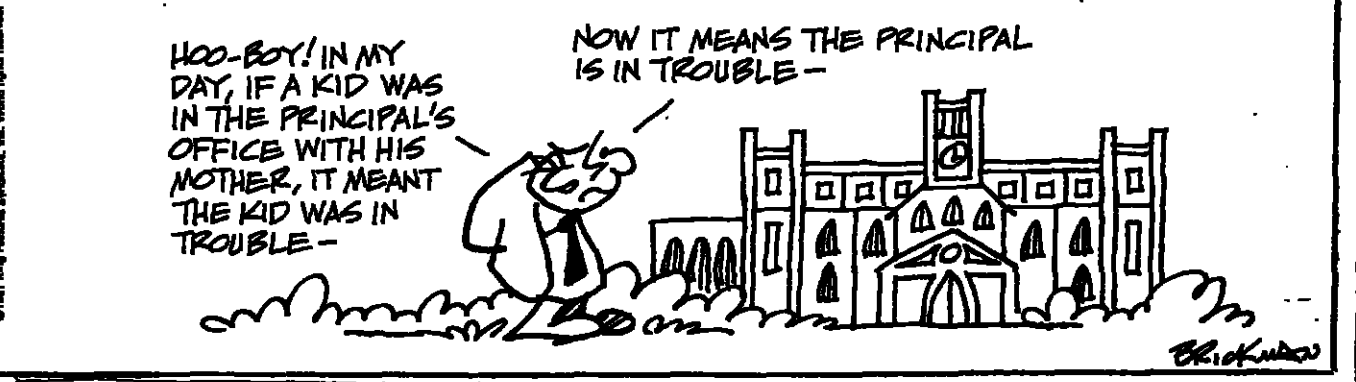
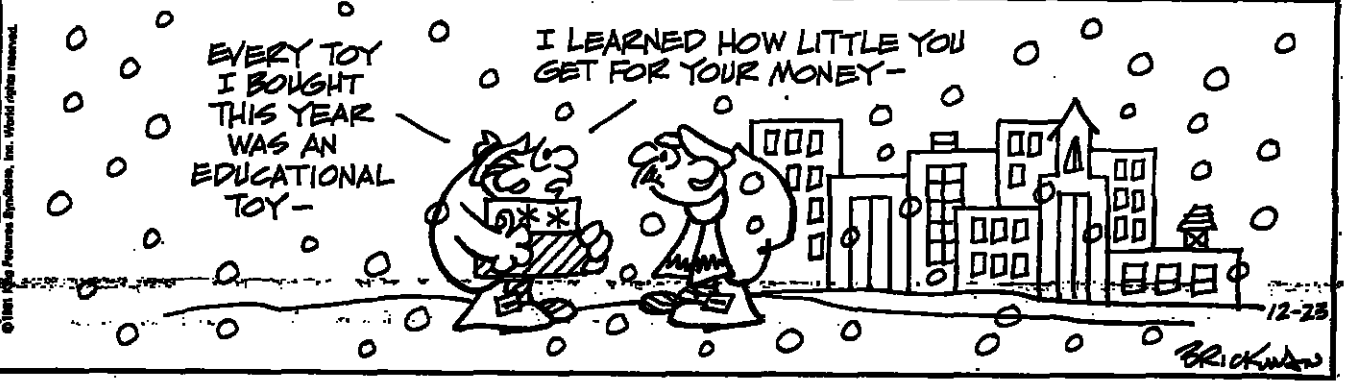
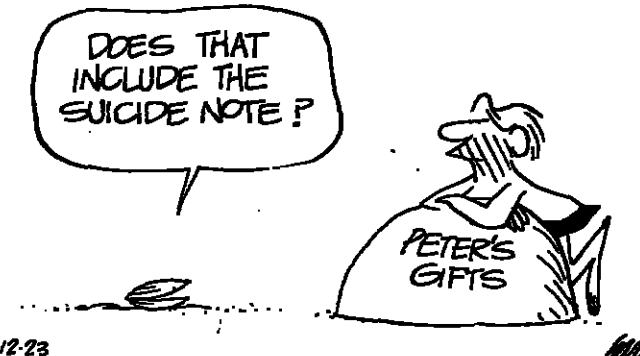
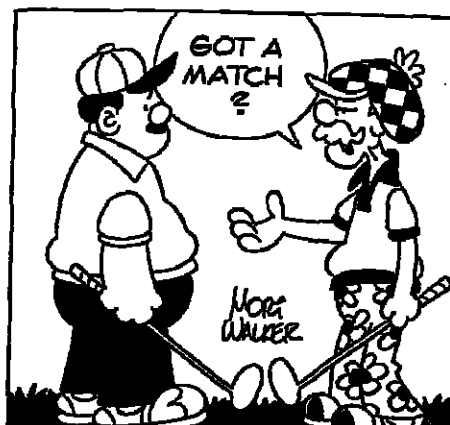
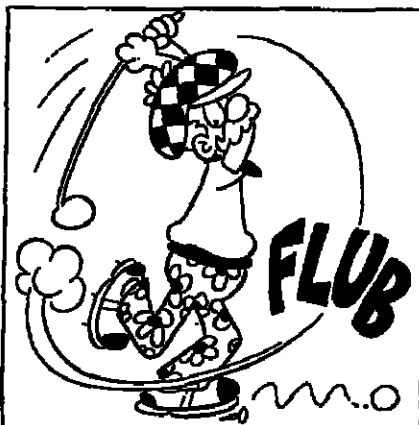
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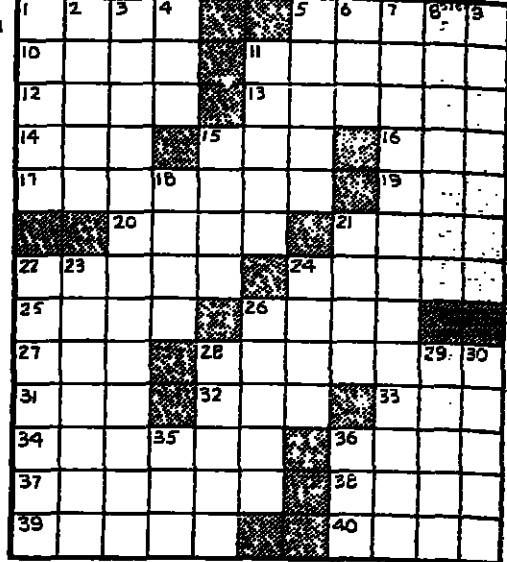
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Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS	DOWN
1 Covenant	39 Terminated
5 Scot's ancestors	40 Construct
10 Roman emperor	1 Opposite
11 Fragrant substance	2 Expiate
12 Learning	3 Item in your mailbox
13 Unwilling	4 - the mark
14 Black cuckoo	5 Prepared
15 Business concern (Fr.)	6 Cooling
16 Give - whirl	7 Item in your living room
17 Answer	8 Leaving a valid will
19 "Casablanca" piano player	9 Side-wheeler
20 Pup or oxygen	10 Simpler
21 Feminine suffix	11 Templar, "The -"
22 Actress Ruth	12 Learning
24 Clocking device	13 Unwilling
25 Novelist Hunter	14 Black cuckoo
26 Turkish coin	15 Business concern (Fr.)
27 French article	16 Give - whirl
28 Bridge play	17 Answer
31 Circle segment	19 "Casablanca" piano player
32 Suffix for hero	20 Pup or oxygen
33 Sesame	21 Feminine suffix
34 Babbled	22 Actress Ruth
36 Engendered	24 Clocking device
37 Without doubt	25 Novelist Hunter
38 French male name	26 Turkish coin



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXE is LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES
S ISW AFSA CDDBH NKZFDH SWV
DWQTMH AFDI WTA, KH PKCD
SW SHH AFSA ZSNKDH YTPV
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Contract Bridge B. Jay Becker

A Very Simple Play

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 8 4
♥ Q 7 2
♦ A K 9 8 6 3
♣ J 5

EAST
♠ 7 6
♥ K J 8 5 3
♦ Q 10 5
♣ Q 10 2

SOUTH
♠ A Q 9 5 2
♥ A 6
♦ 7 4
♣ A K 8 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
2 NT Pass 3 NT

Opening lead - ten of hearts.

Some of the most difficult plays to make are amazingly easy to use. Consider this deal from a team of four match. At the first table, West led the ten of hearts. Declarer played low from dummy and won the trick with the ace. He next led a diamond and played the nine from dummy after West followed low. East won with the ten and returned a spade. Spurning the finesse, which would have been fatal, South went up with the ace and returned a diamond to the king. With both opponents following suit, he ran the diamonds and made nine tricks for a score of 600 points.

At the second table, the same contract was reached and again the ten of hearts was led. Here, also, declarer played low from dummy, won with the ace, and led a diamond. But at this table West put on the jack instead of the deuce, and this seemingly innocuous play made a world of difference in the result.

Declarer had the choice of going up with the king, thus abandoning the diamond suit as a main source of tricks, or letting the jack win in the hope that the defense could not cash four heart tricks in a row. South did as well as he could when he chose to play low from dummy on West's jack. West thereupon led a heart through the queen and South finished down one.

It is true that in most hands a defender does best by playing second hand low, but, with all general rules, there are exceptions. Thus, at the second table, West, with a very simple play, collected very good dividends by capitalizing on an exception to the rule.

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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake
FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1981

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈ You may be pleasantly surprised to hear from a distant friend. Travel and socializing lead to romance. Seek intellectual pursuits.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉ A change of plan works out to your advantage. Business affairs flourish now, and your social connections prove quite helpful.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊ Partners are liable to surprise you now. The accent is on good times and romantic possibilities. Hobbies stimulate creativity.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) ♋ Innovative methods lead to greater efficiency. Accept an invitation from a co-worker, for business mixes well with pleasure.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌ Romance comes unexpectedly. Creative artists enjoy a wealth of new ideas. Local visits and leisure activities are lots of fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍ Some last-minute Christmas shopping is in order now. You'll find something nice for a family member. Invite friends to visit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎ You'll have fun gadding about doing various errands. Local visits have romantic overtones. Take a chance on developing your creativity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏ Last-minute shopping is on your agenda. You may even decide to buy yourself a gift. Home entertainments are favored.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐ You'll join friends for some holiday festivities. Evening hours favor the expression of romantic sentiments. Speak from the heart.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑ This is not the time to seek the limelight, but you'll make progress through work done behind the scenes. Buy a gift for a loved one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒ You'll take the initiative in planning good times with friends. This is a favorable time for promoting heart interests.

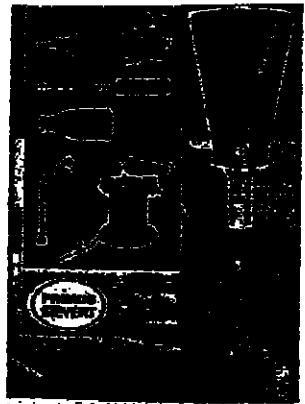
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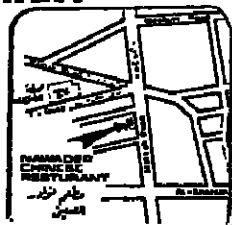
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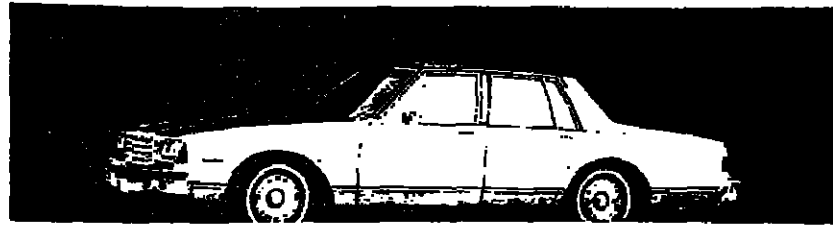
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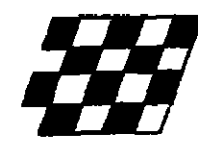
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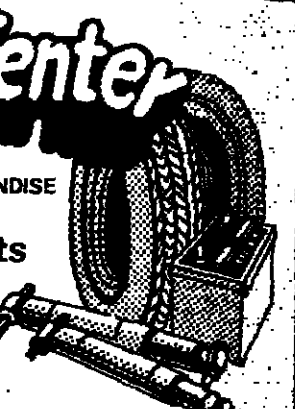
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Charles praises courage of Poles

GUILDFORD, England, Dec. 22 (AP)—Britain's Prince Charles, in a rare public comment on political matters, Monday praised the courage of the Polish people and said their faith deserved to be rewarded. The 33-year-old heir to the throne added, "This festive season, we should think particularly about the Polish people."

"Throughout their history, they seem to have suffered so much. Perhaps one day their faith, courage and their warm humanity deserve to be rewarded."

However, he made no specific reference to the declaration of martial law in Poland, reports of mass arrests by the military government and resistance and strikes on the part of workers in the predominantly Roman Catholic nation.

Earlier Tuesday, Cardinal Basil Hume urged Britain's Roman Catholics to rally behind their Polish brethren and to pray for both freedom and peace.

Speaking at a special prayer for Poland, Hume said: "We must stand by Poland in its days of crisis and pain... the voice of Catholic opinion must be heard fearlessly on the side of justice and freedom but always in support of restraint and peaceful progress."

Hume, archbishop of Westminster, and religious leader of England and Wales, said the situation in Poland is all the more tragic because "Pole has been set against Pole, and in defense of an ideology (communism) that is foreign to this most Catholic of countries."

In another development, British labor unions may end relations with unions in Communist Eastern Europe if they fail to speak out against military rule in Poland, a British labor boss warned Monday night.

Len Murray, general secretary of the 11.6 million-member Trades Union Congress—Britain's AFL-CIO—issued the warning after a 40-minute meeting with Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington. The union leader urged the sending of British food aid to Poland and for Poland's crippling \$25 billion debt to Western banks and governments to be rescheduled.

Murray said he is prepared to go to Poland "right away" as part of a European union's fact-finding mission into the military crackdown on the independent Solidarity labor union.

He said it could be a "make or break" situation with the East European unions, if they stand idly by and do nothing to secure the ending of martial law in Poland and release of prisoners.

Labor MP joins SDP

LONDON, Dec. 22 (R)—Britain's opposition Labor Party, torn by quarrels between moderate and left-wing factions, suffered another setback Tuesday when one more member of parliament defected to the Social Democrats.

Welshman Edynfed Hudson Davies said the Labor Party had become "a two-headed monster bent on devouring itself" and announced he was quitting to become the 28th Social Democrat in the 635-seat House of Commons.

He was the 26th Labor parliamentarian to desert to the Social Democratic Party (SDP), which has formed an alliance with the Liberals and is emerging as a serious threat to the entrenched two-party system.

Davies, 52, a barrister and former chairman of the Welsh Tourist Board, said he felt Labor was no longer able to serve as an effective opposition.

Erring exporters face Indian action

NEW DELHI, Dec. 22 (R)—Members of India's Parliament Tuesday demanded legal action against firms which exported surgical dressings contaminated with bacteria to Britain, Australia and Singapore.

The minister of state for commerce, Khurshid Alam Khan, assured members who raised the issue in the Lok Sabha (lower house) that nobody would escape the law. He said that following the naming of one Calcutta exporter by the Australian authorities, officials had seized samples of dressings from the company and some were found to be non-sterile and contaminated.

British Health Minister Gerard Vaughan said last Friday that thousands of dressings imported from India in the past year were found to be infected with bacteria and had been taken off the market.

He said similar dressings imported into Australia two months ago were contaminated.



NATURAL GAS BLAST: Three persons were injured Monday in a natural gas explosion that ripped off cars and leveled three buildings in downtown Sylacauga, Alabama, United States. The blast was apparently caused by a natural gas leak in a laundry shop in one of the buildings.

Statement evokes angry rebuttal

Soviets bought peace marches -- Reagan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—U.S. President Ronald Reagan says the disarmament demonstrations that sent hundreds of thousands of people marching in the capitals of Western Europe this fall were all sponsored by an organization "bought and paid for by the Soviet Union."

Reagan's statement, in an interview to be broadcast later this week, brought an angry rebuttal from spokesmen of the American anti-nuclear weapons movement. They said that Soviet-backed groups take part but the European peace movement is a broadly based protest against the prospect of a nuclear war being fought on European soil.

Reagan's comment came in an interview taped last week for the public broadcasting service program, "Ben Wattenberg At Large." The interview is to be aired Friday night. A transcript was made available Monday to the Associated Press.

The president was asked about the pro-

tests, such as that which took place on Dec. 5, when hundreds of thousands marched in Denmark, Switzerland, Italy, West Germany and Romania against U.S. and Soviet arms policies.

"Oh, those demonstrations," Reagan said. "You could have used newsreels from the '60s in America. Those are all sponsored by a thing called the World Peace Council, which is bought and paid for by the Soviet Union."

The World Peace Council was identified in 1980 testimony to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence by John McMahon, a CIA official, as a Soviet front organization and "a political action tool in support of Soviet foreign policy goals and military strategy." McMahon said it operated in 130 countries.

U.S. peace group spokesmen did not quarrel with that description, but with Reagan's assertion that "all" the demonstrations are

sponsored by the Communist-front organization.

"He's all wet," said John A. Sullivan, associate executive secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, a Quaker peace group. "He shows a profound ignorance of the peace movement on the 1960s and what American citizens were up to and that seems to me to be matched by his observations about the peace movement in Europe today."

Sullivan said the European disarmament movement is supported by many organizations that are "religious and moderate in politics" and added, "they are not about to give away the concern for peace to any bloc."

Dr. Herbert Scoville, formerly a top CIA official and assistant director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, took issue with Reagan. "I believe that President Reagan greatly underestimates the strength and breadth of the anti-nuclear movement in Europe," said Scoville, now president of the Arms Control Association. "It is not just composed of Communist supported youths."

"Responsible people of all ages throughout Western Europe are extremely worried by the possibility of a nuclear war being fought on their lands. These fears have been accentuated by rash statements by American leaders implying that a European nuclear war would not necessarily extend to the United States."

U.S. denies Paisley visa

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—The State Department has refused a visa to the Rev. Ian Paisley, the Northern Ireland Protestant leader, for his planned U.S. visit, two U.S. congressmen announced Tuesday.

The State Department considered it "would not be in the best interest of people in Northern Ireland" to give Paisley an entry visa. Rep. William Carney and Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, both Republicans from New York, said.

The Protestant leader's planned visit triggered an outcry among some congressmen. Last week, Carney handed the State Department a letter signed by 109 out of 435 representatives demanding that Paisley be refused entry. Sen. D'Amato submitted a similar letter, signed by 21 of the 100 senators, charging that Paisley "has consistently espoused the principle of bloodshed."

Paisley was granted a three-year visa, which is usually renewed without problem, under the Carter administration. Earlier this year the State Department also refused a visa to Northern Ireland Member of Parliament Owen Carron, arguing that he advocated violence in Ulster. Carron won the parliamentary seat left vacant by Irish Republican Army prisoner Bobby Sands who died on hunger strike.

Warsaw Pact nations launch joint satellite

MOSCOW, Dec. 22 (AP)—The Soviet Union and five of its Warsaw Pact allies launched a satellite to study the earth's atmosphere and ionosphere, TASS reported Tuesday.

The Vertical-10 rocket was launched Monday from "the territory of the European part of the USSR on medium latitudes to a height of 1,510 kilometers" and carried scientific gear produced in Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union, the official Soviet news agency said.

Gen. Galtieri sworn in as Argentina president

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 22 (AFP)—Gen. Leopoldo Galtieri was sworn in as president of Argentina in front of the military junta he belongs to as commander in chief of the country's ground forces.

Shortly after being sworn in, Monday Gen. Galtieri unveiled his new government consisting of 10 ministers. Only three posts—interior minister, minister of social action and minister of labor—went to the military.

The 55-year-old Gen. Galtieri succeeds Gen. Roberto Viola who resigned 12 days ago for health reasons after holding down the presidency for a little more than eight months. Gen. Viola's resignation constituted, in effect, a palace revolt within the ranks of the military regime that has ruled Argentina since the coup d'etat that ousted Isabel Peron in March 1976.

Gen. Galtieri is Argentina's fifth ruler this year, after Gen. Viola, Gen. Jorge Videla, who was to have held the post for five years, Vice Adm. Carlos Lacoste and Gen. Tomas Liendo.

As commander-in-chief of the army, Gen. Galtieri takes office in a more powerful position than his predecessor. But he also inherits an economic situation still more disastrous than when President Viola was sworn in eight months ago.

Rampant inflation in Argentina, troubling the military regime for years, has accelerated to reach more than 120 percent overall for 1981, while the foreign debt wavers between \$30,000 and 35,000 million and the general recession has plunged the country into an unprecedented unemployment crisis.

The new economics minister, Roberto Alemann, plans to attack inflation in 1982 by reducing public spending.

As for new Foreign Minister Nicanor Costa Mendez, who replaces Oscar Camillon, changes are also in sight since he opposes the nonalignment policies of his predecessor, instead favoring closer links with the United States.

Camera helps detect cancer

GENEVA, Dec. 22 (R)—A revolutionary new camera which will help detect heart disease and cancer at an early stage has been developed by a 38-year-old British nuclear scientist here.

The European Organization for Nuclear Research said the 60 centimeter-cube camera invented by former Cambridge physicist Dr. Alan Jeavons would also be of vital help in unraveling the chemistry of the brain.

Dr. Jeavons said he developed the camera, which monitors radioactive isotopes injected into the body over four years. The prototype is now being tested at Geneva University hospital.

He hopes an improved version can be produced for worldwide use costing about half a million Swiss francs (about \$275,000)—about a quarter the price of older systems in the United States.

The camera monitors radiation produced by the annihilation of electrons by their anti-matter equivalents positrons, providing images of the human body in detail as small as two millimeters. The isotopes can be targeted toward the heart, lung or other organs.

Dr. Jeavons said: "We have tried to produce a complete system in the form of a simple box whereby doctors can press a button and get results. And it will provide three-dimensional images."

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

The worst sin in any political or social dictionary is that of extremism. Hold any view moderately and you'll find it generally defensible. But take it to extremes and the cracks, the absurdities begin to show. Islam is a religion which specifically enjoins its adherents to shun extremism and to follow the reasonable, the rational, the middle course.

The remarkable thing about extremism is how close extremists from the ends of any spectrum grow to resemble each other. In politics the extreme left and the extreme right hold views which are virtually indistinguishable. There is nothing strange in this as both base their views on contempt for common sense, for give and take, for a measure of pluralism.

Extremism, one could even say, is by definition selfcontradiction. The other day someone from a certain Arab country was talking about the people of another Arab country. He called them lazy, cowardly and given to too much talk. He then turned his attention to the people of another Arab country, and attacked them as aggressive, acquisitive and too successful by half. In other words, he attacked them for having exactly the opposite characteristics of the first people. But then extremism is having it both ways.

Or there are those Europeans who attack the Americans for being too loud, too lacking in sophistication, too materialistic, who are answered by those Americans who say that Europeans are devious, are culturally pretentious and generally no good when it comes to real work. Such people do not see the full humanity of the other and so allow a caricature to take over their image of that other.

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awsat

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sion of the strategic agreement between the two countries. This suspension prompted Premier Menachem Begin of Israel to cancel the agreement altogether and to launch verbal attack on the U.S. government for its reaction to the annexation.

After a luncheon in honor of President Assad, more talks were held when Prince Fahd and Prince Abdullah called on him at the guest palace. They were attended by Khaddam.

From here, President Assad is expected to go to Kuwait, the UAE, Qatar, North and South Yemen, for similar talks about the possibility of united Arab action to thwart Israel's expansionist policies.

Polish

relief program "Poland in need." The Italian newspaper *Stampa Sera*, based in Turin, reported Tuesday that reports reaching Paris by "private channels" said Walesa had tried to escape from the guest house and may have been transferred to a prison. There were no details and no sources were cited for the reports.

In Washington, President Reagan held an emotional meeting Tuesday with former Polish Ambassador Romuald Spasowski, praising him as a man of courage for defecting last weekend in protest against the military crackdown in his country. With Mr. and Mrs. Spasowski at his side in the White House, Reagan told reporters: "I'm very proud he's here in this office." "We're in the presence of a very courageous man and woman who have acted with the highest principles," the president said. "And I think the people of Poland are very proud."

In another development, French government sources said in Paris that the Soviet Union has asked France not to interfere in Poland's internal affairs. The request was made at a meeting Monday between French Ambassador to Moscow Henri Froment-Meurice and Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Anatole Kovalev during which the French envoy put his government's view about Poland, described by the sources as "very frank."

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